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Column One
By DAVID COURTNEY

MASTER Khrushchev, with hammer and chisel, seems to have been diligently chipping at the idol that was Stalin; but has unveiled the battered torso and the clay crumbs that once were feet, only to the privileged members of the Communist Party Congress, held on February 25; thirty of whom, according to some reports, fainted or had fits at the end of Khrushchev's bitter attack.

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THE reports may be exaggerated. Tales that leak through keyholes and the cracks of locked doors inevitably become elongated; and tend to take grotesque shapes as they slip past frontier barriers to end up in a tangle of exciting tape in a score of newsrooms. Still, it is pretty obvious that Khrushchev was in destructive mood at the Party Congress, and showed Stalin up as egotist, sadist and even murderer; without benefit of political shrewdness; bone dry of human kindness.

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KHRUSHCHEV, the rumour says, told the Congress that he himself, a Ukrainian, had been put under suspicion and subjected to terrifying treatment by Stalin in the last years of the dictator's life; and on one occasion, at a party attended by foreign diplomats, had been made a fool of by Stalin, who had shouted at him the derogatory name for a Ukrainian and compelled him to dance the intricate Ukrainian dance called the *gopak*. Stalin had threatened Lenin's widow, Krupskaya, that unless she did and said what he told her to do and say he would tell the public that she was an impostor, not Lenin's widow at all, and would put in her place another woman of his own choice. He went about saying that Marshal Voroshilov was a British spy. He put Molotov under house arrest and was planning to get rid of him, along with Khrushchev and others who had not sufficiently nurtured his vanity, one form of which was to walk through the garden of his country house admiring the dozens of busts of himself set up like those of a Roman Emperor and a bad Roman Emperor at that.

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THERE is a great deal more to the story told by Khrushchev and now being re-told, perhaps with additions, in Vienna, which seems to be the source of the narrative published in the western capitals. But the main question asked today is why Khrushchev chose to make the revelations he did. It is not enough to say that the Party leaders in Moscow have felt it desirable to halt the Stalin cult because it was based on an untruth. It should not have been difficult for them to mould the cult to suit their own ends. Their desire to eradicate it, and their willingness to risk the unstabilizing effects of reducing a public hero of the Communist period to the proportions and demeanour of a murderer, a braggart and a blundering fool, may indicate far more than mere iconoclasm.

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LENIN, of course, is far enough away in time to present no difficulties to the Communist hierarchy of the moment if they are planning the kind of policy changes that would mean, in principle and practice, a sharp recession from the true faith. For that matter, Lenin himself, just before his death, was reported to have expressed fear that Stalin would turn out to be pretty much what Khrushchev now says he was. Perhaps, then, the present guardians of Communist ideology regard Stalin as a man who betrayed the principles of Communism and let his own ruthless instincts shape a heresy that now must be cut out to make way for Leninism pure and simple.

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IT is even possible that an apparent return to the doctrines and teachings of Lenin can be reconciled with policy changes or adjustments involving a genuine attempt to work Russia's passage back to a place in the international pattern where she can fit with some moral equality and not merely as a Power suspected by her Power equals. It seems much to hope for; but there is no doubt that changes are taking place in Moscow's outlook, which certain western Statesmen have already decided are changes for the good. The trouble may be that Russia is, and always has been, something of an enigma, a mystery, a monstrous collection of territories, peoples, ideas, superstitions and misconceptions, which the West has never clearly comprehended. Russia has become an emotion to many people rather than an intelligently understood entity; and probably is that also to most Russians.

Jerusalem, March 22.

KOLLEK TO U.S.

Mr. Theodor Kollek, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office, left last night on an economic mission to the U.S. His trip is connected with the Israel request for a loan from the Import-Export Bank.

70 Rebels Killed In Tunisia As Autonomy Given

TUNIS, Thursday (Reuter). — Seventy Tunisian rebels were killed today in the bloodiest fighting of the past three years in the former French protectorate, as the Nationalist leader, Habib Bourguiba, returned in triumph from Paris after the solemn proclamation of Tunisian independence.

French fighter planes were still sweeping low over the rocky desert near Medenine in southern Tunisia, machine-gunning remnants of a band of 200 rebels which French troops have been pursuing for 10 days. The French forces, estimated at 4,000 men, killed 16 rebels yesterday. Artillery is firing an average of about 350 rounds a day.

Police in Tunis today threw tear gas bombs, and firemen used water hoses to disperse some 2,000 supporters of Salah ben Yussef, the exiled former Secretary-General of the Neo-Destour Party who fled to Libya after leading the opposition to last year's home rule agreement with the French. The crowd, which included many Algerians, carried the flag used by Algerian rebels as well as the Tunisian flag.

Bourguiba told reporters at the airport, "I am happy to return to my country, now free and independent, after the struggle which really lasted for 75 years. I am particularly happy that this liberation was brought about by friendship with the French." He said that France should take inspiration from the Tunisian solution to put an end to the struggle which is still going on in Algeria.

This is necessary in order to create a great Franco-North African entity which would maintain France in the place to which she is entitled, he declared.

Nasser Said Agreed On Algeria Accord

PARIS, Thursday (Reuter). —Egypt's Premier, Colonel Abdul Nasser, is prepared to agree to any settlement in Algeria which the Algerians themselves freely accept, Foreign Minister Christian Pineau told the Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly this morning, according to reports given on this meeting by various members of the Commission.

The same sources report M. Pineau also said that it had been established that Czech arms and munitions were being transhipped through the port of Trieste directly to the Algerian rebels.

Knesset Passes New Budget, Recesses

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Knesset last night passed the 1956/57 Budget and adjourned until May 7. The vote was 53-24, with five abstentions. The Coalition parties voted for the Budget; Herut, the General Zionists, and the Communists voted against; and Agudat Yisrael and Poalei Agudat Yisrael abstained.

The amount of the Budget is IL769.3m, of which the Development Budget accounts for IL306.7m.

The second reading of the Budget Bill dragged on through most of yesterday. Opposition Members explained their amendments at length and not only did the chairman of the Finance Committee, Mr. I. Guri, dutifully reply to them all, but only a few Ministers intervened in the debate.

But when the sixth group of Ministries was reached at about 9.30 p.m., Opposition Members agreed to waive their right to speak in favour of their amendments. After that, it was only a matter of voting and the hasty passage of the Law for the Encouragement of Savings. The Knesset adjourned at 10.15 after Speaker Yosef Sprinzak expressed the hope that we would have peace and unity.

Forty-two laws were passed during the first term of the Third Knesset, which met for the first time on August 15. Six bills which passed their first reading are now in committee. Members of the Government replied to 214 parliamentary questions.

About 20,000 visitors' tickets were issued during the term, as compared with about 15,000 during the same period last year.

The Knesset briefly interrupted its budget debate to pass three laws with no opposition.

The Amendment to the Budgets for Jewish Religious Services Law extends the authority of existing Religious Councils for another two years. Mr. Y. Riftin Chairman of the Interior Committee, said that the original provision in the draft bill to extend the Councils' terms for another four years had been changed in view of criticism from Members during the first reading on Wednesday. The Committee urged that the Government speed up presentation of a permanent law for Religious Councils.

The easing of formalities in registering cooperative houses is provided for in the Amendment to the Cooperative Houses Law.

Employers will be permitted to deduct from workmen's compensation awards any amount paid to an injured worker by the National Insurance Institute, under the Amendment to the Civil Damages Ordinance.

U.S. Offers Soviets Mutual Army Cuts

LONDON, Thursday (UP).— The U.S. offered today to cut its military manpower to 2.5m. men if the Soviet Union will match it.

The U.S. delegate, Mr. Harold E. Stassen, said that the U.S. also was willing, on a mutual basis with Russia, to reduce armaments and military expenditures to levels commensurate with the smaller armed forces. The American plan specified that the scheme must be carried out on a "reciprocal and safeguarded basis."

The U.S. currently has around 2,900,000 men under arms compared with a Soviet figure of about 4 million.

This was the second major American disarmament proposal in two days. The Soviets still have not reacted to yesterday's American proposal to set up mutual disarmament practice areas of 20,000 to 30,000 square miles as pilot zones for experimenting with disarmament control.

Today's American offer of mutual American and Soviet manpower cuts to the 2.5m.-man level was said by Mr. Stassen to be a "measuring stick" for reducing armaments and military expenditures.

Soviet Secret Police Chief in Britain

LONDON, Thursday (Reuter). — Gen. Ivan Serov, head of Russia's secret police, stepped from a Soviet jet airliner here today into one of the most violent campaigns ever launched in Britain against foreign visitors.

The General, here to arrange safety measures for next month's visit of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, was fenced around on arrival by the tightest security precautions ever known at London Airport.

British newspapers heralded his visit with editorials describing him as "the jackal," "monster," and "Ivan the Terrible." Police feared demonstrations against him by Eastern European refugees who blame him for mass deportations from Poland, East Germany and the Baltic states.

Allies Doubted French Integrity, Mendes-France Tells Court

PARIS, Thursday (Reuter).— Ex-Premier Pierre Mendes-France said today that France's allies had doubted his Government's integrity because of "leaks" of national defence secrets.

M. Mendes-France, Minister of State in the present Government, was testifying before a military court trying four men for alleged divulgence of Indo-Chinese war secrets. The main leakages were in 1954.

He told the court, "Some of our allies doubted our fidelity to alliances, and the probity of our promises during the London conference" (the international talks, held in Lancaster House, London, during which Western defence was reviewed after the French rejection earlier in the year of the European Army plan).

The suspicions about France's fidelity to her alliances were continually led by campaigns in the French press, he said. He told a packed, hushed courtroom, "The negotiations in London were very hard. Our task was made more difficult and more painful because the people with whom we were negotiating read each morning in the French and international press accusations against the French Government, the Interior Minister, and the Premier himself."

Dulles Disclosure

M. Mendes-France recalled a private conversation he had had in October, 1954 with the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dulles, during a North Atlantic Treaty Organization meeting in Paris. Mr. Dulles had said spontaneously to him, "We have received from France some papers attacking you. It is clear that an attempt to discredit you is being made."

He recalled the arrest of two former high civil servants in the National Defence Committee Secretariat, Jean Turpin and Roger Labrusse. France's allies modified their attitude of suspicion immediately after the arrests, he said.

Four men are being tried by the military court. A former secretary-general of the National Defence Committee Secretariat, Jean Francois Mona, his former secretary Jean Turpin, a former civil servant, Roger Labrusse, and an ex-police informer and journalist, Andre Baranes.

The hearing was adjourned until tomorrow.

MIKOYAN IN KARACHI

KARACHI, Thursday (Reuter). — Mr. Anastas Mikoyan, Soviet First Deputy Premier, arrived in Karachi today to attend Pakistan Republic Day celebrations tomorrow.

In a prepared statement read out at the airport, Mr. Mikoyan said, "On this important occasion for Pakistan, I want to assure you of our assistance, which will be useful for world peace."

'Old Guard' Bolshevik, Gen. Bubnov, Released

MOSCOW, Thursday (UP). — Russia has freed an old party leader who commanded the revolutionary Red Army in 1917 and was imprisoned later by Stalin, it was learned yesterday. General Andrei Bubnov, 72, the Bolshevik who helped organize the Communist advent to power in Russia, was reported released in the latest case of rehabilitation of former leaders purged in the 1930's. Gen. Bubnov, who joined the party in 1903 and became a member of the party's ruling Central Committee in 1912, was discredited in 1927 as an "enemy of the people."

In Mexico City, meanwhile, the murderer of Leon Trotsky got his foot in the doorway to freedom today when a Mexican court upheld his demand for parole. But the Interior Ministry still could slam the door by filing an appeal within 72 hours. Jacques Mornard, who 16 years ago assassinated Trotsky with an alpenstock, won a court injunction against the Ministry's prior decision that he was dangerous to turn loose. Federal Judge Clotario Margalli ruled that Mornard's 15 years of "good conduct in prison" qualified him for "the privilege of parole under bond." The decision climaxed a long court battle by Mornard, a 50-year-old international agent who has maintained a tight-lipped silence about his slaying of Trotsky in the Russian exile's suburban home here Aug. 20, 1940. Mornard will go free within "five or six days," Judge Margalli said, unless the Interior Ministry files an immediate appeal.

1,500 Barrels Expected At Heletz II Daily

By YITZHAK YA'ACOBI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HELETZ, Thursday. — A jet of oil 50 metres high, taller than the 48-metre tower, shot from Heletz II this afternoon. The Johnston test succeeded today and indicated according to experts on the spot, that the well will yield 1,500 barrels of oil a day.

The testing machinery was worked at 8.40 p.m., and after 20 minutes, gas burst forth. Twenty minutes later a jet of oil spurted out, filling a barrel in 50 minutes.

Experts, including Dr. H. J. Tschopp, the chief geologist, thought that the reason for the failure of previous tests was that the apparatus did not find a firm base. Heletz II is now definitely thought to be the best Heletz oil well yet, and further deepening of the well is to be carried out.

At Heletz III drilling has reached a depth of 1,637 metres and at Negba I 3,820 feet.

Meanwhile, the oil pipeline from the Heletz field to the railway line 6.7 kilometres away at Beit Shikma, near Ashkelon, will be completed tomorrow. It took three months to be completed by the contractor, Mr. Shlomo Lipsky of Ra'anana and his workers. It is the first oil pipeline to be laid in Israel.

The 8-inch metal pipe will be able to convey 40 tons an hour by force of gravity. First, the oil will be pumped into two tanks at Heletz, together holding 750 tons. They will stand 40 metres higher than the railway terminal from where the oil will be transported to Haifa for refining. The pipes were made in this country.

Mr. Lipsky explained during a press tour that laying an oil pipeline was quite different from a water pipe. It was one long pipe without joints and unless properly laid, was liable to burst due to pressure fluctuations. The course of the pipeline was planned by Mekorot.

Montevideo Congress Lauded by Sharett

A report on the convention of Latin American Jewry, held on March 3-5 in Montevideo, Uruguay, was given to the Knesset last night by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Moshe Sharett, in the form of a reply to a question by Mr. M. Argov (Mapai).

The purpose of the convention was to express Latin American Jewry's solidarity with the State of Israel in these grave times, Mr. Sharett said.

Over 1,000 representatives of the Jewish communities of 11 South and Central American countries participated, as well as a considerable number of non-Jewish personalities.

The convention adopted resolutions declaring that there was no problem between Israel and the Arab states that could not be settled by direct negotiations; emphasizing the urgent need for making defensive arms available to Israel; and calling upon their governments to use their influence to achieve justice for Israel and peace in the Middle East. A special proclamation was issued by the non-Jews who participated, and who also among other matters, asked that Israel receive defensive arms.

B.G., SILVER, HOLD TALK

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, received Rabbi Abba Hillel Silver, the noted U.S. General Zionist leader, at his office in the Ministry of Defence at 12.15 p.m. today. No details of the conversation were made known, but it is understood that they chatted cordially.

Rabbi Silver left after an hour and a quarter of conversation.

Rabbi Silver is now staying at the King David Hotel in Jerusalem.

Israel Said Asking Bonn for Relations

FRANKFURT, Thursday. — According to a front-page story in the "Frankfurter Rundschau," the Israel Government has decided to propose to Bonn that relations between the two countries be normalized. Israeli quarters suggest, according to Tel Aviv sources quoted by the paper, that West Germany should as a first step establish in Israel a purchasing and consulate mission similar to the one maintained in Cologne by Israel. In Bonn, the most frequent explanation offered for West German delay in matter is fear that West Germany's political and trade relations with Arab countries might be impaired at a time when Communist East Germany is noticeably anxious to become beneficiary. *(INA)*

Two Soldiers Killed In Road Accident

RAMLE, Thursday. — Two young soldiers who had been neighbours and friends all their lives were fatally injured in a collision between trucks —one military and one civilian—on the road between Ness Ziona and Rishon le Zion today. The two men, Amiram Aluft, 19, and Hanoch Yerchmiel, 20, who were travelling in the army truck, were both seriously injured. One was taken to the Assaf Harofe Hospital in Tserifin, and the other to the Kaplan hospital in Rehovot, where they died.

The two were born in Zichron Ya'acov and grew up, studied and joined the armed forces together. The funeral will take place tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The two drivers, Yishai Zamartov, an 18-year-old soldier, and Max Strauss, 33, of Rishon le Zion, were detained by the Ness Ziona police, who are investigating the accident.

Sharett Hears Burma Mission Report

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Moshe Sharett, yesterday received the members of the economic mission to Burma. The head of the mission, Mr. David Hacohen, M.K., together with the other members, supplemented the written report with their verbal comments. They made suggestions for the implementation of the economic agreement with Burma which was signed in Rangoon and ratified by the Government at its last meeting.

The members of the mission emphasized that they had been warmly received in Rangoon, and said that a great store of goodwill for Israel had been built up during the period of Mr. Hacohen's tour of duty. The work was being ably continued by the present Minister, Mr. Ya'acov Shimoni.

Mr. Sharett thanked the members of the delegation for their work.

The members of the mission, in addition to Mr. Hacohen, were Mr. M. Bader, Director-General of the Ministry of Development; Mr. M. Bartur, the Director-General of the Economic Division of the Foreign Ministry; Mr. H. Givati, Director-General of the Ministry of Agriculture; Mr. M. Giron, Director of the Koor Company; Mr. A. Friedman, Director of the Central Company, and Mr. Y.S. Shapiro, lawyer and former Knesset Member.

Hammarskjold Leaving for M-E On April 2 for Peace Survey

'Formosa' Type Action Mooted

By JESSE ZEL LURIE, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

NEW YORK, Thursday. — Press reports here state that Secretary of State Dulles, at a White House meeting with bipartisan Congressional leaders this morning, will take up the question of a stand-by resolution, similar to the one adopted on Formosa, authorizing military intervention in the Middle East in the event of hostilities.

The report is given credence by President Eisenhower's attitude in avoiding a direct answer to a question by Mr. James Reston, of "The New York Times," at his press conference yesterday, on whether the Administration is considering such a resolution. However, most observers believe the report to be premature.

Policy Not Fixed

U.S. Middle East policy has not crystallized to the point of contemplating using armed force. A "New York Times" dispatch from London this morning says Britain has completed a plan for effective military action within 24 hours of the outbreak of hostilities, but Foreign Office officials emphasized, "Britain will not have to move if, in the coming critical months, the U.S. prepares to act and is known to be prepared to act."

It is expected that Mr. Dulles will be severely criticised by Congressional leaders today. An influential Wall Street magazine says editorially that Mr. Dulles is the weakest link in the Eisenhower Administration and many Eisenhower supporters hope that the Secretary of State will be removed soon.

United Press reported from Washington that President Eisenhower met with the National Security Council today amid reports that serious consideration is being given to the possibility of using U.S. forces to help forestall a major Arab-Israel war.

It was considered highly probable that this and other possible strategy moves in the tense Middle East situation were up for review by the Council, which consists of the President's top military and diplomatic advisers.

(INA, UP)

Council Session on Monday

UNITED NATIONS, Thursday. — The Security Council will meet next Monday afternoon to discuss the U.S. request that Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold be asked to make a survey of Israel-Arab tension and report back within a month.

So certain are members of the Council that there will be no opposition to the American plan from the Soviet side that Mr. Hammarskjold has already scheduled his departure for April 2.

The U.S. last night proposed that the Security Council authorize the Secretary-General to negotiate with Israel and her Arab neighbours an arrangement to reduce existing tensions along the armistice lines.

Mr. Hammarskjold conferred briefly today with Mr. Arthur C. Liveran, acting Deputy Chief of the Israel delegation. While neither would discuss the subject of the conference, the Secretary-General was understood to have asked Israel not to insist on being heard at the forthcoming Security Council meeting. A similar request was reportedly made to the eight Arab delegations.

Brief Session Wanted

Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, this month's President of the Council, backed by the U.S. and France, is known to desire a brief Council meeting which would offer no opportunity for Israel or Arab charges and counter-charges, and thus make it unnecessary at this point for the Council to attempt to evaluate charges that the troops of both sides are being massed with aggressive intentions. It is quite certain that neither Israel nor the Arab delegations will oppose this.

Delegates were disposed to regard the Council meeting as cut-and-dried. Their speculation centred more on moves by Britain and the U.S. concerning the possible authorization to send troops to the Middle East trouble areas.

Meanwhile, Mr. Hammarskjold also conferred with Mr. Henry Labouisse, Director of UNRWA, who came here this week and so far has avoided newsmen or discussing his mission with anyone except on the highest U.N. level. But his presence here on Mr. Hammarskjold's summons underscores the fact that the refugee problem will figure heavily in whatever peace programme the Secretary-General may be planning.

France Calls for Western Meeting

PARIS, Thursday (UP). — France has proposed a Western Big Three conference on the Middle East, it was announced today. Foreign Minister Christian Pineau informed the Foreign Affairs Commission of the National Assembly that notes have been sent to Washington and London, and the Foreign Ministry confirmed it.

The notes proposed that the U.S., Britain, and France meet to discuss the Middle East as soon as possible, probably on the sidelines of the NATO Council meeting on May 5. Then the three Foreign Ministers could examine Western policy within the framework of their 1950 declaration guaranteeing the borders of both Israel and the Arab states against aggression.

The notes said that the three could also consider inviting "other powers" to join them in the talks, informed sources said.

M. Pineau's initiative was stated to be another step in the drive of the Socialist-led Government to give a "new look" to Western diplomacy.

(In Washington, the State Department said that it has received an informal invitation from the French Government to participate in talks on the Middle East. The Department spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, said that the French suggestion is being studied in Washington).

Soviet Leaders May Confer On M.E. During British Visit

By GEORGE LICHTHEIM, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON, Thursday.—The American resolution agreed upon by the Western Big Three for presentation to the Security Council is expected here to receive sufficient support and possibly even unanimous approval when the Security Council meets. This apparently is also the Washington view.

It fits in with unpublished rumours current here that Moscow has informally indicated willingness to discuss a peaceful solution to Middle East questions during the stay of Premier Nikolai Bulganin and Mr. Nikita Khrushchev here, which is now intended to include four business meetings with British ministers at Downing Street in addition to customary ceremonial functions.

This much has become clear since Mr. George Malenkov's arrival, although he himself is apparently not authorized to discuss matters outside the spheres of atomic energy control and technical economic relations generally.

Whitehall is now convinced that the Soviet leaders genuinely want to discuss major outstanding questions during their forthcoming visit and that nothing would upset them more than a breakdown leading to the Security Council's intervention along the lines of the Korean precedent. This does not necessarily mean that they would regret a passing crisis which, on the contrary, might enable them to press their claim to be included in all Great Power decisions on the Middle East. Such strategy involves delicate questions of timing which may conceivably be upset by independent action on Egypt's part.

Soviet Chance

Conversely, it is thought here that the forthcoming Council session will give the Russians an opportunity to show whether they are prepared to utilize the tactical lattitude offered by the pan-American motion. If they support the proposal to let Mr. Dag Hammarskjold intervene on the spot, or at least do not oppose it, they may hasten the tacit burial of the 1950 Tripartite Declaration and its gradual replacement by something more like quadripartite control. If this is what they want, they now have a chance.

None of this thinking has yet been made public here. Editorial comments in the "Manchester Guardian" and "Daily Telegraph" today follow conventional lines, stressing the increasing war danger and calling upon the Western powers to strengthen the Tripartite Declaration by giving Israel adequate support and demonstrating their readiness to take independent action if the Security Council gets bogged down in Russian vetoes.

It may come to this, but the trend of thinking in some well-informed quarters is in the direction of doubting whether the entire concept of tripartite control may not be due to suffer a quiet funeral next month. It largely depends on the attitude Premier Bulganin and Mr. Khrushchev are going to adopt during their talks with Sir Anthony Eden.

Contrary to the situation some months ago, there are suggestions that British forces in Cyprus stand ready to quell the flames. Such claims would indeed sound odd at a moment when Cyprus authorities are wondering how to protect Sir John Harding from having bombs placed in his bed. Reports that British forces in Jordan are being quietly reinforced are likewise interpreted by well-informed observers as no more than a normal precautionary measure designed to protect British bases against certain eventualities. Active intervention will have to come from elsewhere.

Arabs See Discord In U.N. Council

The Cairo daily, "Al Akhbar," wrote yesterday that it is doubtful that the Security Council is capable of finding a solution for the existing tension on the Arab-Israel frontiers because the views of the Western and Russian camps of the Council are diametrically opposed.

The newspaper's editorial said that the Western powers might want to show that the Security Council is unable to take action in the crisis in order to enforce the Tripartite Declaration.

The U.S. demand for an emergency session of the Security Council to discuss the situation between Israel and the Arab states has caused concern in Syria. Ahmed Shukeiry, Assistant Secretary-General of the Arab League, was suddenly recalled to Damascus from Amman in order to receive instructions before leaving for New York to represent Syria at the U.N. The Syrian Government is conferring with the other Arab states in order to determine a common stand for the session.

(UP, NEABS)

Police Coup Said Planned in Syria

Syrian police officers have been planning with Col. Adib Shishakly, the dictator ousted from the Government two years ago, a new *coup d'état* to restore the dictatorship. This was revealed by Ali Bouzu, the Syrian Minister of the Interior, in his speech to Parliament yesterday concerning the behaviour of officers and policemen during the students' demonstrations on March 15, the Arab News Agency reported.

He connected the incident with Shishakly's visit to Beirut on the previous day.

Earlier, Premier Said el Ghazi announced in the House that the Government investigation following the incident had proved that the officers had opened fire without orders.

Sudan Negotiating For Czech Arms

CAIRO, Thursday (Reuter).— Two representatives of the Czechoslovak Foreign and Defence Ministries now in Khartoum have "informed the Sudanese Government of Czechoslovakia's readiness to sell arms to the Sudan," the Middle East news agency reported today.

UNNA IS DEPUTY EDUCATION MINISTER

Mr. Moshe Unna, M.K. (Hapoel Hamizrahi) was approved by the Cabinet yesterday as Deputy Minister of Education, after a brief meeting called for that purpose. Mr. Zalman Aranne, Minister of Education, informed the Knesset of the appointment later in the day.

Jordan Still Presses For British Officers

The discussions between England and Jordan on the fate of British officers of the Arab Legion are in their final stages, according to the Old City press.

Jordan's request for British air experts was also discussed at the Amman discussions.

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Turkey Wants U.N. Solution for M-E

ISTANBUL, Thursday (INA). "Turkey hopes that the Arab-Israel conflict can be solved peacefully and within the framework of the U.N.", Foreign Minister Fuat Koprulu said today.

Responding to questions about Turkey's attitude toward the Arab states and Israel, and about her ideas for preventing Arab-Israel hostilities, the Foreign Minister said that Turkey's stand had been taken in "loyalty" to U.N. decisions.

Asked if Turkey's efforts to expand the Baghdad pact and win the friendship of the Arab states is weakening Israel-Turkish relations, Mr. Koprulu replied that the two matters must be considered separately.

Yafi Promises Anti-Israel Line

In his first proclamation, the Lebanon's new Premier, Abdullai el Yafi, promised to work for the establishment of a united Arab front against Israel.

Yafi yesterday opened discussions with Iraqi Ministers in Beirut on ways of improving relations between Iraq and Egypt, and met with Khalil Taki e-Din, Lebanese Minister to Egypt.

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Social & Personal

Dr. Robert Gordis, Professor of Religion at Columbia University, Professor of Bible at the Jewish Theological Seminary in N.Y. and editor of the quarterly journal "Judaism," has arrived in Israel with Mrs. Gordis for a three-week visit, and is staying at the Dan Hotel.

Mrs. Emma Marcus, widow of Colonel David Marcus, on Wednesday visited the Blood Plasma Institute in Tel Aviv bearing Colonel Marcus' name.

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Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Saler, Mrs. John Stern and Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell M. Cohen, all of Philadelphia, visited the offices of the Jewish Agency yesterday morning and were received by Mr. Shlomo Eisenberg, Secretary-General.

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ARRIVALS: A seventeen-man delegation of the Farband Labour Zionist Order in New York, for a three-week stay in the country under the auspices of State of Israel Bonds, to study development projects. The group consists of Messrs. Joseph Arnold, Bernard Gingold, A. Fialkow, Louis Kwitko, D. Mager, S. Samoredin, D. Strum, Irving Warshawsky, and Mr. and Mrs. Sydney Mandel, Mr. and Mrs. Morris B. Newman, Mr. and Mrs. Meyer Samuels and Mr. and Mrs. Isidor Schub; Sir Leslie A. Plummer, Labour M.P., and Lady Plummer, for a one-week visit, at the invitation of the Government; Dr. Y. Gelber, President of the Zionist Organization of Canada, and Mrs. Gelber; (by El Al); Mr. Eligio Tavanlar, a representative of the Federation of Ex-Servicemen in the Philippines, for a short visit as the guest of the Israel Federation of War Veterans (Air France); Mr. Rakash Dahama, Professor of Agricultural Economy in New Delhi, for a nine-month stay, (Cyprus Airways); Rabbi Dr. Solomon Rappoport, leading Johannesburg Rabbi and lecturer in the Department of Hebrew at the University of Witwatersrand, for a five-week stay.

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DEPARTURES: Judge Hyman S. Korn, Campaign Chairman for Israel Bonds in the Bronx, N.Y., and Mrs. Korn; Rabbi Israel Miller of the Kingsbridge Jewish Centre in the Bronx, and Mrs. Miller (by El Al); Mr. Shalom Asch, the writer, to attend the Bar Mitzva of his grandson in New York (by K.L.M.); Mr. Hassan Goldberg, member of the Praesidium of the National Union of Israel Students, to attend the meeting of the Supervising Committee of the International Students Union in Leyden.

Hesse's Restaurant in Jerusalem will be open during the Passover holiday. Strictly *Kasher le Pesach.* *(Advt.)*

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Israel Touring Club restaurant Reservation for the traditional *Seder* (First and Second) accepted. Phone 5783 Talbieh, Jerusalem. *(Advt.)*

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Mr. Harry Levy, General Manager of the Sharon Hotel, wishes to apologize to his many guests whose reservations for the Passover holiday or for participation in the *Seder* could not be accepted. In view of the possibilities of last-minute cancellations from tourists, there may still be some vacancies at the last moment. Please contact us by phone: Tel 67804-5-6 and we shall be pleased to oblige if at all possible. *(Advt.)*

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The Bart Sweetshop, 15 Rehov Frishman, Tel Aviv, is from now on under the sole management of Mrs. Beatrice Pretzel and will continue to serve its customers with the most selected delicacies. Open throughout Passover week. *(Advt.)*

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Greece Replies To Turkish 'Threats'

WASHINGTON, Thursday (UP). — The Greek Ambassador, Mr. George Melas, informed the Assistant Secretary of State for Near East Affairs, Mr. George Allen, at the State Department yesterday that Greece will not be intimidated by the implied threats against Greece made at the press conference at the Turkish Embassy yesterday.

Mr Selim Sarper, Turkish delegate to the U.N., and Mr. Haydar Gork, Turkish Ambassador to the U.S., said at their press conference that Turkey will not tolerate any agreement on Cyprus which unites that strategic island to Greece or places its Turkish minority under Greek domination.

Informed quarters said Mr. Melas considered it his duty to inform the State Department about Greek reaction to this press conference, and certainly Greece would not submit to such threats, Greece, he said, would continue calmly with its policies as regards Cyprus.

U.S. Supreme Court To Rule on Santee

NEW YORK, Thursday (Reuter). — The New York Supreme Court last night declined to continue a temporary injunction staying the Amateur Athletic Union's suspension of Wes Santee, the mile runner, for alleged professionalism. Santee was suspended for life last month after the A.A.U. investigated his expense accounts for athletic meetings in California.

Since then, Santee, 24-year-old Marine lieutenant, has been fighting a legal battle to have the A.A.U. overruled in the Courts. After he had obtained a temporary injunction the Appelate Division rejected an A.A.U. appeal against it. Santee later won a further stay until the Supreme Court hearing.

Unless the Court decides in Santee's favour by Saturday, he will be barred from running in the Chicago "Daily News" Games, that day, for which he is entered.

Bible Library Open at Haifa

HAIFA, Thursday. — The Scientific Biblical and Judaica Library was reopened in its new and enlarged quarters in the Central Synagogue this morning. The library, established five years ago by the town's Religious Council, now contains over 6,000 volumes on Biblical, Talmudic, Hassidic and Kaballistic subjects besides books of Jewish folklore, culture, sociology, philosophy, History, commentary, Zionism and research, including several valuable antiques.

The library was founded on the initiative of Rabbi Y. L. Maimon, then Minister of Religious Affairs, with a donation of 500 books saved from Europe by his Ministry. Since then a number of residents and institutions have donated 2,300 books and money to buy 4,000 more. The library has an annual budget of IL4,000 from the Religious Council.

Already the new premises are overcrowded, but two more adjoining rooms are available if the IL6,000 to complete them can be found.

The library is open daily from 5.30 to 8 p.m. (Sabbath and Fridays excepted) and is visited by over 3,000 persons every year. Visitors include students and pupils (especially at examination time), rabbis, teachers, lawyers and judges in search of precedents in Jewish Law, authors, businessmen and workers. Every volume is cross-indexed according to subject, author and title. The part-time librarian helps visitors find the books they need. The volumes may be perused only on the premises.

At the opening today a learned argument ensued over the fixing of a *mezuza.* In the volumes of the library there were sources for and against a *mezuza* in a house of learning. Finally, it was decided that a *mezuza* was necessary even if only to avoid creating a wrong impression. Rabbi Dr. M. Glazer put up the *mezuza* without reciting the blessing. He said, instead, that he hoped the library would prove a blessing to scholarship in the town.

Cambridge Favoured To Win Boat Race

By KEITH BEECHER

Cambridge University are firm favourites to win the 102nd annual Boat Race on the 4¼-mile Putney to Mortlake course on the River Thames against old rivals, Oxford University, tomorrow. As usual, the "Light Blues" will be the heavier crew, having an advantage of about 8 kilos per man.

Both teams have shown great promise during trials. Oxford's chances of winning, rated very poorly earlier, growing as they pushed up to within five seconds of their rival's trial times. Both crews are using new boats, but while Cambridge are relying on one of traditional materials Oxford are trying a craft made of laminated Honduras mahogany, which they say is lighter and stronger than the usual Honduras cedar.

The race, first held in 1829, provides one of the greatest free shows in the world. Although the event is an inter-University affair the partisanship spreads to people who have never attended either university and practically everyone in London on "Boat Race Day" wears his or her light or dark blue symbol of support.

Cambridge have gained run-away wins in the last two races, but according to towpath critics, it should be much closer this year. So far, Cambridge have won 55 and Oxford 45. There was one dead-heat result, in 1877.

Religious Services

Portion Tzav (Vayikra 6, 1-8.36) Haftara: Malachi 3, 4 — 24.

Shabbat begins in Jerusalem at 5.14 p.m. today and ends at 6.39 p.m. tomorrow.

JERUSALEM

Yeshurun Synagogue: Tonight 5.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Sharit: 8 a.m. Minha: 5 p.m. Arvit: 6.25 p.m.

Emet V'Emuna (Gan Rehavia): Shahrit: 8.15 a.m.

Abdut Yisrael Congregation, Sephardic Orphan House, Jaffa Road: Tomorrow at 8.30 a.m. Youth Service with Congregational Singing.

Italian Synagogue (Hillel St.): Tonight: 4.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m.

Mosad Harav Kook Synagogue (Hapoel Hamizrahi Qr.): Tonight: 5.20 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m. Arvit: 6.25 p.m.

TEL AVIV

Beit Yisrael (96 Dizengoff Road): Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.15 a.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (67 Ben Yehuda St.) Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 6.30 & 8.30 a.m. Minha: 5.45 p.m.

Ihud Shivat Zion (5 Straus St.): Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8 a.m. Minha: 5.45 p.m.

The Great Synagogue (Allenby Rd.): Tonight: 5.40 p.m. Tomorrow, Shahrit, 8 a.m.

Tiferet Zvi Synagogue (9 Herman Cohen St.): Tonight: 5.45 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 8.15 a.m.

Young Israel (67 Bugrashov): Tonight: 5.30 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit 9 a.m.

RAMAT GAN

Hatahia Synagogue: Tonight: 5.55 p.m. Tomorrow: Shahrit: 7 a.m., Minha: 5.55 p.m. Arvit: 6.24 p.m.

HAIFA

Anglo-Saxon Congregation (Reali School, 15 Kiryat Sefer St., Ahusa): Shahrit: 10 a.m.

Tel Aviv Stock Market

MARCH 22, 1956

Pop. Loans 1949/50 (IL10)	98½
2½% Tavel Dollar x)y)	69½
4% Comp. Loan 55/57	65½
3½% War Loan 55/59	90½
2½% Gov. Bds. (large)	90½
4% Reg. Sterling "A"	90½
4% Reg. Sterling "B"	95½
Pal. Bearer Bds. Ser. F	83½
Rh. Leumi ord.sh.	204½
A.P.B. Investm. ord. sh. "B"	108½
Gasit ord. sh. "B"	95
Elera's Inv. ord.	154
P.E.C.Inv.ord "B" h.d.	96½
Gen. Mortg. Bk.ord.sh.	78½
Discr 4% debs.55/65	90
Nir 4% Debs.(bearer)	92½
5% pref. sh.	89½
Pass 4% debs.40/64 reg.	78½
"Isra" 4% debs.	82½
I.L.D.C. ord.sh.reg.	105
5% debs.	94
Afr. Pal. Inv.ord.sh.	77½
Nassre 6% pref.ord.sh.£)	89
Pal. Potash 6%pref.sh.	99½
"A" ord. shares	95½
Pal.Elec.pow.sh. (L£m)	100*
6½%P.E.C.Debs.57/64	100**
Mehoroz pref sh.	75
Ata ord. "B" sh.	111½
6-9%con.debs.	92½
"Kurdaneh"ord."B"	116½
7%con.debs.59/69	100
Meller-Dee ord.sh.reg.z	810
Pal.-Brewery 8%con.sh.	82½
Assis Rekanah"B"sh.	133½
"Teva" ord. sh. d)	106
Nesher 6% debs. "A"	106½
Pal. Cold St. 7% debs.	132
ord.sh.reg.(full div.)	203
Pal. Constr. Tr. 5% debs	94½

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EMERGENCY PHARMACIES

TODAY

JERUSALEM: Rehavia, 22 Ussishkin, 4703. Witan, 20 Mea Shearim, 61243.

TEL AVIV: Avramsky, 42 Allenby, 3526. Greenberg, 46 King George, 26208. Kastle, 147 Ibn Gabirol, 32116. Yafa, 172 Ben Yehuda. Maccabi, New Maccabi Qtr., 67387. **JAFFA:** 34 Rehov 1. **RAMAT GAN:** Talpiot, 30 Abba Hillel. **GIVATAYIM:** 9 Syrkin, 72093. **PETAH TIKVA:** Kovo, 2 Pinsker. **B'NEI BRAK:** Shapira, 80 Rabbi Akiva. **RISHON LEZION:** Strachilevitz. **HOLON:** Tikva, Kikar Struma. **REHOVOT:** Dr. Levinski, 170 Herzl, 248.

HAIFA: Hagiborim, 28 Halissah, 67400. Hakohav, 28 Wadi Salib. **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Pantagon. **NAHARIYA:** Naharlya. **SAFAD:** Feldman.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Herzl, 36 Jaffa, 5089. Zichron Moshe, 16 Yeshaiahu, near "Edison," 4191.

TEL AVIV: (Day): Dr. Kolberg, 23 Allenby, 23355. Frankel, 28 King George, 23721. Aliya, 23 Aliyah, 84609. Mercaz Hatsafon, 200 Ben Yehuda, 22923. Hayarkon, 184 Ibn Gabirol, 21588. Baruch, Hatikva Qtr. **(Evening):** Magen David, 33 Allenby, 66426. Moshkovitz, 25 King George, 63850. Ben Yehuda, 142 Ben Yehuda. Bielski, Kikar Disengoff, 26348. Baruch, Hatikva Qtr., 67405. **JAFFA:** 10 Rehov 4. **RAMAT GAN:** Lifshitz, 19 Herzl, 71771. **RAMAT YITZHAK:** Hasharon, 22 Jerusalem, 72046. **PETAH TIKVA:** Hayarkon, 24 Stampfer. **B'NEI BRAK:** Shapira, 80 Rabbi Akiva. **RISHON LEZION:** Strachilevitz. **REHOVOT:** Dr. Levinski, 170 Herzl, 248.

HAIFA: Haruliya, 1 Haruliya, 2364. Lamin, Jaffa opp. Egged, 67880. Maos, 107 Moriah. **KIRYAT MOTZKIN:** Pantagon. **NAHARIYA:** Naharlya. **SAFAD:** Feldman.

EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS

TODAY

JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. Greenwald, Agrippas, 5476. Dr. Gidron, 7 Gaza, 2084.

TEL AVIV: Dr. Shoham, 1 Syrkin, 25842. Dr. Sacher, 54 Sokolov, 26383. **JAFFA:** Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65.

HAIFA: Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM: Dr. Romanoff, 11 Arlosoroff, 61217. Dr. Greenwald, 22 Yehoshua Bin-Nun, 62963. Dr. Shore, 46 Rashi.

TEL AVIV: same as today.

JAFFA: Dr. Weinberg, 4 Rehov 65. Dr. Alkalai, 65 Rehov 4.

HAIFA: (Day): Dr. Sherman, 3 Hanevi'im, 2434. Dr. Golergant, 1 Gilead, 4170. Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417. (Evening): Dr. Ludwig, 24 Shivat Zion, 67417. Dr. Sherman, 3 Hanevi'im, 2434. Dr. Hampel, 104 Jaffa, 66825.

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KFAR SABA:
Wed., March 28
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1956 Painting Competition
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The panel of judges, chosen by the Association of Painters and Sculptors in Israel, is: Messrs. Eliahu Sigard and Aharon Kahana, and Mr. A. Ben Yaakov representing the Ramat Gan Municipality.
The exhibition of the paintings submitted for the competition will take place in Ramat Gan during May, 1956.
Painters throughout the country are invited to submit works for the competition. Each painter can submit two paintings.
The paintings are to be submitted to the Cultural Committee, Ramat Gan Municipality. Advance notice of paintings to be submitted may be sent in writing to the Municipality.
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TEL AVIV: TOMORROW, Beit Ha'am, 2 perf., 6.45 & 9.15 p.m.
RA'ANANA: Sun., March 25, Beit Hapoalim, 8.45 p.m.
JERUSALEM: Tuesday, March 27, Y.M.C.A. 2 perf., 7 & 9.30 p.m.
GEDERA, Wednesday, March 28, Beit Rahel, 8.45.

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Sat. March 24, Jaffa "Zlil" 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
Sun. March 25, Givatayim "Noga" 8.45 p.m.
Tues. March 27, Ramat Gan "Kesem" 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.
Wed. March 28 Tiberias "Aviv" 8.45 p.m.
Thurs. March 29, Holon "Armon" 8.45
Fri. March 30 Tivon "Yuval Or" 8.45 p.m.
Sat. March 31, Haifa "Ein Dor" 6.30 and 9.30 p.m.

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Temporary entry permits will be issued as usual on the spot, at the Entrance Gates, either North or South.

A. Dekel,
Manager Jaffa Port.

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PAYMENT OF URBAN AND RURAL PROPERTY TAX

1. We hereby draw the attention of property owners to the fact that the deadline for payment of urban and rural property taxes for the 1955/56 tax year is March 31, 1956, inclusive.
2. In the event of failure to pay the above taxes on time, a fine of 20% of the amount due will be added to the payment.
3. The tax can be paid in cash, as well as by cheque or Postal Order, at offices of the Ministry of Finance, as follows:
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Nazareth — Government House
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Acre — Police Station
Afula — Beit Milstein
Petah Tikva — Histadrut Bldg., Rehov Wolfson
Safad — Government House
Rehovot — 9 Rehov Ahad Ha'am
Ramle — 30 Rehov Herzl
Tel Aviv — Beit Romano, Tel Aviv-Jaffa Road

Avraham Bermas
Director of Property Tax

The Committee for Cultural and Traditional Regulations between Israel and the Diaspora
announces the
PASSOVER SCHEDULE

Friday evening, March 23, 1956, at 7, Saturday at 1 p.m., and Saturday night — a "Tsavta" get-together at the Savoy Hotel, 5 Rehov Geula, Tel Aviv.
Public Seders — March 26 and 27, 1956, at the Savoy Hotel, 5 Rehov Geula, with the participation of Dr. S.Z. Cahana (Director General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs) and Cantor Moshe Taub and his choir.
Registration at the hotel office.
Public Seders will also be held at the other Kasher hotels in Israel, Tel Aviv — Israel Hotel and Ramat Aviv Hotel; Jerusalem — President Hotel;
Haifa — Zion Hotel.
Pilgrimage to Mt. Zion in Jerusalem on Thursday, March 29, 1956. Departing at 8 a.m. from the Savoy Hotel, Tel Aviv, and returning the same evening. Fare — IL7. Phone 4222 and register at the offices of the hotel.
The "Shirat Hayam" Ceremony on the eve of the seventa day of Passover, April 1, 1956, will be held in Tel Aviv. Festive dinner at 7 p.m. with a song and discussion programme, near the seashore, at the Savoy Hotel. Departing at 9.30 for the seashore for the "Shirat Hayam" Ceremony.
A gathering at the end of the holiday will be held on Monday night, April 2, 1956, at the Savoy Hotel.
A pilgrimage to Eilat on the Red Sea is planned for the "Shirat Hayam" Ceremony.
On the Friday evening of Passover, March 30, 1956, a traditional "Tsavta" will be held with the participation of Rabbi Dr. Nurock and Dr. S.Z. Cahana.

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Where to go

TODAY

JERUSALEM

• **Exhibitions:—**
1) Dutch and Flemish 17th Century Paintings. 2) Paintings by Maurycy Gottlieb. Exhibit of Month: Illumirated Sephardic Passover Hagadah (14th Century). Bezalel, 9-1, Tomorrow, 10-1.
1) Applied Arts — Works by Louise Schatz, Zahara Schatz, Bezalel Schatz and Jean David. 2) Drawings and sculptures by Jane Schacherl-Hillman. 3) Oil and Tempera Paintings by Zvi Gali. Artists House, 10-1. Also tomorrow.
Permanent exhibition at the Department of Antiquities. Temporary: Finds in Caesarea, 9-1. Tomorrow, 10-1.
Oil Paintings, Frescoes and Drawings by Haim Nahor, "Nora Studio," Art Gallery, 9 Malmon Ave., 10-1, 3-6. Tomorrow, 10-2.
• **Tours:—**
Hebrew University conducted tour, New Administration Building, Opposite Terra Sancta, 10 a.m.
• **Recorded Music:—**
Music to Inspire (with background pictures), "Great Sacred Choruses," by the Robert Shaw Chorale; Symphony No.1 in D Minor, Op. 13, by Rachmaninoff. 8.30 p.m. Public welcome. Y.M.C.A.

TEL AVIV

• **Exhibitions:—**
a) Modern American Prints. b) Annual Exhibition of Israel Painters and Sculptors, Museum, 10-1, 4-7.
Woodcuts by Jacob Pins, Ben Baruch Gallery, 13 Ben Yehuda, 5-1.
• **Jazz Club:—**
Z.O.A. House at 4 p.m. — Jam Session.

JAFFA

• **Theatre:—**
Yiddish Comedy Theatre, Menachem Rubin, 200,000. Noga, 8.30.

TOMORROW

JERUSALEM

• **Concert:—**
Robert Shaw Chorale and Orchestra, Edison, 9.15.
• **Recorded Music:—**
Saturday Music Hour, Selected Hymns, by RCA Victor Chorale conducted by Robert Shaw; Symphony No. 8 in F, Op. 93, by Beethoven. 11 a.m. Public welcome. Y.M.C.A.

TEL AVIV

Italian specialities, lunch, dinner, music, Luky's Bar, 3 Allenby Rd.
• **Concert:—**
Bach programme: Pelleg, Parnes, Yellin, Tel-Oren. — Museum, 8.30.
• **French Speaking Club:—**
Z.O.A. House at 8 p.m. — Play, "The Girl and the Negro" (in French).
• **Theatre:—**
Camerl, "The Good Soul of Szechuen," Mograbi, 8. "The Hasty Heart," New Camerl Hall, 6.30 and 9.30.
Ohel, "Johnny Belinda," 7, 9.15. Habimah, "Faust," 8.

HAIFA

• **Exhibitions:—**
Paintings by Miron Sima and Memorial exhibition of the painter Max Arnold Fortnightly exhibit: Enamel Painting by Arnold Maisselmann, Museum, Town Hall, 10-1, 4-7. Closing tonight

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ORIENT TRAVEL DIARY

Iran Jews Await Green Light to Israel

By TED R. LURIE

TEHERAN.—TEHERAN, the capital of Iran, may be Iranian but it is definitely not Persian. During my stay of little more than 24 hours there early this month I wondered why it was so unlike what I had imagined the Persia of the date palms and the Rubaiyat to be like, until finally I got the simple answer.

The old Shah, the present king's father, had said that he would not go to Europe but instead would bring Europe to Persia. So he engaged European architects to build a European town on this barren, brown plateau.

The result is a checkerboard of two wide shadeless streets with buff and brown squat square brick buildings that look rather old despite their modern lines. In fact, the paradox of Teheran is that it is a new town that looks old.

Somehow the wide avenues have brought about an effect of drabness that is incongruous in an Eastern town where one would expect a picturesque and crowded oriental market. But overnight the city became alive with flags and bunting to greet the Shah on his return from a three-week visit to India. A blue and gold arch in the shape of a crown had been erected on the road from the airport and every house and shop suddenly sported a red, white and green flag.

That much of the greeting was well-organized but the warm welcome home which the people afforded their monarch seemed genuine enough. The young king is popular with his subjects and if the country is no longer being "westernized" at the pace his father might have liked, one can add that lethargy and indifference to progress seem to be more suited to the people's true nature.

Snow-clad Mountains

The beauty of Teheran lies, of course, not in what has been built in the past generation, but in the situation of the town itself. Wherever you are in this large sprawling city that has a population of over a million but looks like a small town, you can lift your head and look up at the towering snow-clad mountains all around. Indeed it is a surprise each time you look out the window and see the stark whiteness of these hills only a few miles away. It is a sign not quickly forgotten.

But what seems to have been forgotten indeed in this city of contrasts — the capital of an oil-producing country where 1956 models of American cars nonchalantly rub up against water-boys carrying tins of water from the mains that run in canals underneath the roads and alleys — all but forgotten are a group of some 350 Persian Jews from the provinces living in the Jewish Agency's camp in Teheran under conditions that to describe as primitive is to use understatement to the point of exaggeration.

They are not altogether forgotten, for they are the subject of a bulging file in the Immigration Department of the Jewish Agency Office in Jerusalem and are the constant concern of the Agency's Teheran representative, Mr. Joseph Bennissan. His letters and telegrams to Jerusalem over the past 10 months have not yet succeeded in influencing those who are responsible for bringing these souls from their distant homes to Teheran, from which there is no going back, to arrange for the completion of their journey to their final destination, settlement on the land in Israel.

These Persian Jews are the victims of a change in policy. They were selected by Agency representatives as suitable candidates for the new immigration policy of ship-to-village. They were brought to Teheran only after they had been approved medically by J.D.C. doctors and they were to have remained in the capital only for a few weeks for the passport formalities and transportation to be arranged. But then came disturbances in Morocco and it was decided to give priority to the refugees from the terror there to the exclusion of all other candidates for *aliya*. Although on May 10 last year, Mr. Bennissan was instructed to speed up all the arrangements for this group of immigrants from Iran, they are today still in Teheran eight months later, becoming more and more disgruntled and even hostile.

Mr. Bennissan was informed on September 21 in a letter from Mr. Shragai, of the General Council decision to give priority to Morocco, but on October 28 he was told, in response to his pleading and explanation of the plight of these stranded victims of policy, that there was a possibility of their transportation being arranged in December. Then, in the middle of December, he was told in more detail that they would be flown over in four batches, two in January, one in February and one in March. Further, since the Agency intended to liquidate the camp entirely before Spring, there was to be no expenditure of any considerable funds in trying to improve conditions at the camp.

Nevertheless a good deal has been done with the limited means that could be mobilized to exploit this prolonged exile to the best advantage. When I visited the camp early one morning I found little knots of children outside the building used as a schoolhouse, waiting for school to open and using their time to read from the Book of Genesis they held in their hands. They were reading in the traditional intonations of the synagogue Bible readers, but it was Hebrew, the language in which they would be playing and studying in their new homes in the not too distant future.

The school, I was told, housed all the children from 5 to 12 years of age. The older boys, some 60 in number, were attending special courses arranged for them at the Ort school, where they were learning carpentry, electrical work and other trades.

The adult men had found seasonal work in the Teheran ghetto, baking *matzot* for the 20,000 Jews who live there and who bake the large circular unleavened cakes in the same primitive way they were baked centuries ago. So it was only women and their infants whom we saw inside the camp hovels which are as dark and air-less as ancient catacombs.

They flocked round us and had only one question for Mr. Bennissan — When? All he could answer was: a few weeks more, as he sighed a silent prayer that this time they would not be disappointed. For although the last promises from Jerusalem have not been kept, he hopes that the fresh assurances which he has now received that transportation will be arranged just after Pessah will indeed materialize.

Denizens of Agency Camp queuing up for cakes of pitta sent by a family of Teheran Jews celebrating a wedding.

Six-Nation Talks Bring European Unity Closer

By ANNE DUCHENE

BRUSSELS (OFNS). — "THE United States of Europe" still sounds remote, even Utopian. Yet Western European Ministers have circulated a report, which their Governments will consider soon, next month, claiming that Europe's economy could be united within 12 years. This would mean a single market of 155 million people — as many as in the United States — with free trade in every kind of commodity between the six West European States. And as part of this market, the experts say work should begin at once on a common industry for nuclear development — the "Euratom" which West European politicians have been discussing unofficially for months.

The economists of "Little Europe" — France, West Germany, Belgium, Holland, Italy and Luxembourg — reached these conclusions after long discussions in Brussels. M. Paul-Henri Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, who presided at their meetings, gave the first details of their findings this week.

Europeans are well aware that Europe's atomic development is 15 years behind that of the "atomic" Powers — the United States, the Soviet Union and Britain. Europe's atom indeed has not yet entered industry, it is still in the laboratory. France alone has made some industrial progress and it is pitifully small beside America's: an investment of $2m., against America's $1,500m., a trained personnel of 1,800 against 15,000. The U.S. Atomic Energy Commission uses as much electricity daily as the whole of France.

Nuclear Energy

Europeans feel no imperative need to have nuclear bombs — the larger Powers, they suppose, would provide ample ammunition if the shooting started — but they urgently need to develop physical nuclear energy as an alternative source to other supplies which, in a foreseeable future, will fail to meet their growing needs.

Yet no continental State has the resources — financial, material or technical—needed to make up the 15-year leeway. Most Europeans now agree that a joint industry is the only solution. They agree much less about its form and how it should be controlled. The politicians will have the difficult task of defining this authority.

The economists' agreement on a 12 (or at most 15) year plan for integrating all Little Europe's economy, was least expected. "Pro-Europeans" see the large-scale single market free of national protectionism as the only hope of modernizing Europe's industry and raising her standard of living, but they do not know if they are strong enough to overcome such a change.

One Precedent

Only one institution exists: the six-nation supra-national Coal and Steel Community set up four years ago, pools their coal and steel industries under a federal executive which ensures the conditions of competition in a single market. M. Spaak was speaking this week to the 78 Parliamentarians in its Assembly. Against all the predictions of industrialists and sceptics, the Community has proved successful; its rules have been obeyed; its steel production has increased by 25 per cent, and its trade exchanges are two and a half times greater than they were in the small national markets.

None of this, though, guarantees success. Both Euratom and the single market aim at making an end of some national rights. France, where national feeling is particularly sore and susceptible just now, may not easily yield even her lesser position as "fourth world atomic Power," still less her traditional protectionism. Some German industrialists, released from the occupation embargo and confident of Germany's scientific genius, would also like to "go it alone" in the atomic field. The Benelux countries, without the resources for national atomic institutions and pinning everything on a single market, want to ensure that Euratom is not adopted without the single market — another possible stumbling block. And almost everywhere traditional liberal or nationalist doctrine will oppose any new measure of supra-nationality.

In this daily touch and go of national and international conflicts the new plans may well founder in the next few months. Europe has, it seems, a summer to decide.

HEARD ABROAD

The spread of Western ideas and influences is endangering the development of Socialism and the correct education of Yugoslav citizens. — Marshal Tito.

In France the Press is all-powerful, and no one can do anything against it. — The President of the Paris Military Tribunal.

I have a few military acquaintances, all of whom regard my loyalty as unquestionable, and my competence in time of national crisis as risky. This comes from my talking to them. — Mr. James Thurber.

Looking through a telescope is one of the most unrewarding pastimes there is. — The Astronomer Royal

Between East and West—VII

INTEGRATION METHODS IMPROVE

By GERDA LUFT

THE institutions that deal with absorption are beginning to try new ways. While the Jewish Agency's training course for instructors in new settlements that is currently being planned appears to be fashioned wholly on the old model — lectures on the State, the Histadrut, Zionism, etc., but nothing on the structure of immigrant communities — a similar plan that has been drawn up by Wizo provides for a number of lectures on the all-important subject of getting to know the newcomer.

Moreover, there is a trend to let more and more people from Oriental countries participate in work with immigrants on the side of the barrier that has so far been manned nearly entirely by Westerners and *Sabras*. Here might be a way of filling one of the most dangerous lacunae in our teaching the immigrants a new way of life — the lack of a "natural elite," firmly launched on Western ways without losing contact with the community of their origin. Such an elite can put westernization on an organic basis and do away with much of its present mechanistic and artificial character.

Communities that arrived complete with their leaders are in a better position than those which did not. Among North Africans, for instance, it has been taken for granted until recently that the professionals and the middle class do not find their way to Israel. While we have been trying to attract immigrants from the Western countries by giving them special facilities (housing, hostels, ulpanim) nothing much was done to make the well-to-do among North Africans come here.

Hostels Open

Something, if not much, is now being attempted in this respect. Even the hostels that have so far been reserved for "Anglo-Saxons" are to be opened to professionals from other countries. Should we succeed in encouraging immigrants of this type, it would still not be certain that they would be able to act as leaders of their community; but the experiment is worth trying.

All over the world, it is a well-known principle that technical and cultural changes can be brought about with less trouble if they are advocated by the established leaders of the community. In our new settlements, however, it has often been very difficult to enlist their cooperation. This was due partly to their attachment to old customs, but also to lack of understanding on the part of teachers and instructors.

It is not easy for a young instructor from an established *moshav* to grasp the workings of a community that is built on wholly different principles than those of Nahalal. He will try to push change and to rely on the help of the young against the old, creating more conflicts than are necessary and sometimes tearing down the whole social fabric. The hardship and the suffering that inevitably follow is not to be laid at the door of these young instructors, who do their job with such devotion, but of the authorities, who have failed to foresee the problem and to provide the necessary guidance.

The development of a natural elite has been hampered by, among other things, the pernicious influence of political parties, certainly one of the main obstacles to successful westernization. They introduce ideas which cannot be understood, appeal to the worst instincts, make people aware of the advantages to be gained from party affiliation before they are ready to grasp the issues involved. It is almost no use mentioning these things here, however, for no one has yet suggested a remedy for a national approach which puts politics above everything else and tries to build certain patterns of social organization without first laying sound ethical foundations.

Adults Important

Another obstacle has been the exclusive concentration, in educational efforts, on the young generation of immigrants, due to the belief that it would be difficult to make much of an impression on the adults, who are set in their ways. This tendency was strengthened by the leadership enjoyed for years in the field of immigrant absorption by Youth Aliya, which developed its pedagogical methods to fit its charges, children that had no families or had to be taken out of them.

Experience both in Israel and abroad, however, has proved that the family is a unit and must be treated as such, that children who were taken out of their families often showed signs of maladjustment no matter how good their educational surroundings. There is simply no short-cut in the complicated task of changing cultural habits.

Youth Aliya has now begun to experiment with institutions in which the children are kept only during the daytime and return to their families in the evening. The institution's care extends to the parental home, the child's relations with the family are carefully preserved, and transition from one way of life to another is effected not through a clean break with the environment but through a combination of reform and tradition. It is yet too early to assess the results of this experiment, but it is highly significant that it has been made.

It is also significant and encouraging to begin to find instructors from Yemen, from Iraq and North Africa working in new settlements. It is a sign of progress if the home dietician is equipped to teach an immigrant housewife not merely how to cook but how to prepare her traditional dishes, implementing the principle that if "we" have something to give "them," "they" in turn have something to give "us."

East Contributes

If we often have not yet found out what it is that they can give us it is because we have not looked for it. It may be beautiful blankets and intricately fashioned jewellery; it may be songs and dances and folk tales; it may be a certain intuition in human relations which we do not understand because it is strange to us.

It is interesting to observe that at the very time when we are feverishly trying to westernize hundreds of thousands of Israelis, Eastern tastes are quietly conquering the "Western" community. The streets are full of *falafel* vendors; the children acquire an ear for Eastern melodies; original Israel fashions for export are based on Eastern skills and Eastern patterns.

This may serve as a reminder that Israel's civilization is bound to be influenced by one part of the community which is not yet pulling its full weight. The immigrant from Eastern countries is going to learn to dress in American fashion and to sleep in a bed exactly like that of his European neighbour, but his dreams will be very different both from those of his European brother and from those of the *Sabra* who teaches him how to sow wheat.

This is the seventh of eight articles. The first six appeared on March 14, 15, 16, 19, 21 and 22.

A Jump with the Veterans of Dien Bien Phu

By RAANAN LURIE

WE entered the C.O.'s office. He was all smiles. "I've got an O.K. for you — by telephone," he announced. "You'll be able to jump after all."

I had been waiting to be cleared for a jump with these veterans of Dien Bien Phu at the French paratroop base for well over a week, and I was to sail back to Israel that evening.

In the dining room, I was joined by a few officers. Some of them knew Captain P., with whose unit I had taken part in a commando exercise a few days earlier. They were a cheerful lot, light-hearted and in high spirits. We talked about the Israel Army, its parachute unit, and other matters. Were the men dark or blond? Was it true that there were women in fighting units of Zahal? How many paratroopers were there? When I replied that I had never had a chance to count them, one of them turned on me good-humouredly:

"Why all this evasion? Don't you know we're all friends of your country here?"

The dinner was excellent. My own steak was particularly thick, to build me up, as it were, for the trial to come. At the end of the meal, my new friend called for two bottles of wine, from which he filled the glasses with a great show of ceremony. "Gentlemen, to the young Army of Israel!"

"To the great French Army," I intoned in English when this first toast was over. My friend quickly translated, and they all nodded their approval as they gulped down their drinks. My friend, however, had only just begun. "In honour of General Dayan, Commanding Officer of the Israel Army!" he exclaimed as he filled the third glass. I was in a bit of a fix, as I did not know the name of the Commander-in-Chief of the French Army, but my friend came to my aid, adding the name of Marshal Guillaume to his translation of my toast.

Another toast, then another. Things began to look dangerous. We had drunk to the Army, the Navy, the Air Force, the Artillery and the Armoured corps of both nations, and it looked as though we would presently start with the lower echelons, battalions and companies. My fears mounted, and for once I found myself wishing my drinking prowess were equal to theirs.

But at ten minutes to two that afternoon we were standing beside the Dakotas from which we were to jump. We were a group of 20, from lieutenants to majors. All were Indo-China veterans, almost all had parachuted into Dien Bien Phu and survived the units that were wiped out there. None of them, however, showed any outward signs of wounds or battle scars.

They gave me precise instructions on how to jump French style. Because of the way his 'chute is constructed, the French paratrooper suffers more of an impact when it opens than his British counterpart. Instead of standing upright when he leaves the plane, therefore, he stoops, so that part of the shock may be absorbed as he straightens out in the air.

Second Parachute

I was warned not to open the reserve 'chute, though nothing very disastrous would happen if I did — I would simply stay in the air a little longer. The previous day I had watched a detachment of recruits go out on their jump. One of them, who had panicked somewhat and pulled the ripcord of his reserve 'chute, was duly embarrassed and apologetic when he was wafted down at last.

My hosts politely asked me what position I wished in the jumping order, and I elected to be first. There was another group jumping before mine anyway, and I could observe them.

Captain D., in whose company I had spent two evenings, was placed behind me. His tie was tied meticulously, and when he saw me looking at it he flashed his teeth at me in a cordial smile: "If something should happen, I might as well die looking right."

Which reminded me of the classic paratrooper story that is told all over the world about the raw paratrooper who is given detailed instructions by his officer. "You are to walk out of this hut, pick up a parachute, march down to the plane that is waiting at the end of the field, go up in it, get the green light, jump out, count to four, and if by then it hasn't opened you are to open your automatic 'chute. When you get down, a jeep will be waiting there to take you home."

The recruit walks out in excellent spirits, then trips across the threshhold and falls flat on his face. It takes him a quarter of an hour to find the place where the parachutes are stored. He picks up his parachute impatiently, and runs down to the end of the field only to find that the plane is waiting at the other end.

Pretty angry by now, our recruit boards the plane, which takes off and lurches so badly that he falls sick. When he finally gets the green light, he jumps out and counts to four. Nothing happens. In anguish, he pulls the ripcord of his reserve 'chute. It's out of order, too. "Ten to one," thinks the recruit wrathfully, "the jeep won't be there on time either."

The interior of the plane was grim, all metal and uncomfortable, with a bench along one side. On being given the order "get ready," the officers would line up on both sides of the door and jump out alternately one man from each side.

The engines were started, the plane taxied out along the perimeter track, turned left into the main runway in use, and took off into the wind with a great deal of noise. As we neared the Drop Zone, everyone's harness was hooked up to the static line.

Drop Zone

In the green field below a smoke signal had been lit, rising upward with a red glow. I had the feeling that my companions were taking it all much more lightly than the British, almost making it appear as if everything was being left to chance.

Green light! It was the first jump of its kind that I had ever witnessed, and I watched the first group keenly as they bailed out. The balding jumpmaster asked me whether I understood the way they did it, and I answered in the affirmative with a clear conscience. The main thing, I knew, was to jump loosely, with your hands resting on the reserve 'chute.

The red light was on again. Get ready! I stood in the opening, braced against the sides. The cold wind beat against my fingers. Below my boots, 1,200 feet below them to be exact, the earth spread out in green, brown and orange rectangles. A truck, moving at what appeared to be snail's pace, was coming up the road.

Suddenly I realized I didn't know what the order to jump would be in French, and I was afraid I'd miss my turn because of it. Just in time I found out it was just the old English word "Go."

Was I afraid, I asked myself? Sure. My entire body, my muscles and my nerves were all in revolt against this outrage I was about to commit against all normal, biological principles of self-preservation.

"Go!"

I pushed myself out of the door with a vengeance, thinking of my embarrassment if I should get caught in the doorway. I had copied the men in the first group down to the last detail, and there was nothing more I could do now. I was testing the efficiency of a French 'chute, or rather a French 'chute was testing my efficiency.

I was being dragged in the stream of air from the Dakota engines, and my parachute hadn't opened yet when I discovered that my eyes were shut. "Coward!" I thought to myself, "you promised yourself you'd jump with your eyes wide open!"

There came a series of jerks as the parachute was torn out of its pack and, with a forceful pull, opened up to its full size. A sharp knock started at my shoulder blades and travelled down my entire body.

The plane was far ahead of me by now. For a second or two, I had the feeling that I was all alone in the skies of the French Republic. But no! To my right and to my left, a row of canopies opened up one after the other, pulled-up momentarily, then, as though deciding they had better get down after all, started on their hesitating downward trip.

The way down was a long one, longer than most of my previous jumps. I had plenty of time to admire the scenery below. I even had time to look at my watch. It looked as if I would make the train to Marseilles, and the s.s. Negbah, and a certain date in Tel Aviv which I on no account wished to miss.

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Annual Exhibit Proof of Steady Progress

Only the Best at A.I.P.S. Show

FOR the first time since it was founded 33 years ago, the Association of Israel Painters and Sculptors has divided up the annual collective exhibition into two parts, with members showing their works at the Tel Aviv Museum and non-members at the Artists' Pavilion in Alharizi Street. The works are thus not so cramped and are therefore seen to better advantage.

The jury appears to have been severe and there are few weak or mediocre works included, while the whole show has been rather well hung. In general, the collection at the Museum is of a respectable standard and after having seen so many large-scale group shows in Europe last spring, the reviewer can say that the Israel collective is no less good than similar exhibitions in Paris, London or Rome despite the fact that we have no Picasso, Sutherland or Mirko and that some of the leading Israel painters have not contributed to this year's exhibition.

The level of accomplishment is becoming higher: there is less of the hit or miss type of painting and it is encouraging to note the gain in assurance of handling and planning or composition by many of the younger artists.

Younger Generation

In this connection, one must applaud the award of prizes to Yossel Bergner and Esther Peretz, two of the younger generation who have something individual to say and sufficient knowledge of painting techniques to be able to communicate their intentions to the spectator. Bergner is able to evoke a mood and obtain interesting gradations of colour and tone with a very limited palette, while Esther Peretz is a fine draughtsman and her "Musician" is a richly painted and atmospheric piece of work.

As usual, landscapes of the country and facets of its life provide the main subjects. There are few abstracts, with the notable exception of the Schatz brother and sister (Zahara's plaster composition, "Tension," deserves special note) and the attractive design by Aviva Margalith-Flint while Errell's semi-abstract in greens, entitled "Boats," is also worth remark.

Most of the more familiar painters are represented by characteristic works, but the Levanon landscapes (his work is becoming more simplified) and the Eisenscher pictures deserve special mention. The latter's "Fishermen" is beautifully spaced and his treatment of the pink background is subtle. Ruth Bamberger's tapestry-like landscape is worth note as are Zvi Gali's compositions in yellow ochre and the formalized "Oil Press" of Yehudith Oren.

There is a very well composed landscape by Michael Gross and Yehudith Sobel's two canvases demonstrate her lively talent. (She has been given a grant for further study abroad by the American Fund for Israel Institutions and if she applies herself, should produce worthwhile work).

Mach, Bauernfreud, Tauber, Audrey Bergner and Zipporа Brenner are among those less often seen painters whose work rates notice. Minna Zisselman's landscape is one of the best works she has shown. It is nice to see again some of the tenderly rendered studies by the late Anni Neumann and among the watercolours the sketches of Shulamith Tal and M. Avniel are to be especially noted. There is a delightful woodcut by Jacob Pins, "Storks," beautifully designed and executed with his customary expert command over his medium.

Okshi's red "Christ" demands attention and although it is too much derived from Picasso, it shows much more grasp of form than is usual with this painter. But what does the white over-drawing on the head signify, a gasmask?

The sculpture section is in general of a fairly high technical standard, with special notice going to the works of Priver, Ashkenazi, Heiman, Schacherl-Hillman and Resnik. The wood composition by Sternschuss (awarded a prize) is interesting in the balance of its open forms.

In the Alharizi Street gallery 67 painters and six sculptors are represented, most of them amateurs and they must be judged on that basis. The oils by R. Davidson are among the most "professional" and his composition, in low tones with distinctive use of black (which was awarded a prize), makes an interesting pattern. Aharon Shoshani's "Autumn landscape" demands note; it is vivaciously painted and is good in design. There is a pleasant landscape by Uri Werner, and the two paintings by Hana Novoprotzki are well drawn and well painted.

There is a rather interesting composition by Lily Gottfried and the study of houses by Hana Eshel and Natanel Bahiri warrants notice. Mala Blumenkrantz shows a lively drawing of a female nude and David Sharir's "Composition" also repays inspection.

The sculpture is, in general, on the weak side, with the exception of the studies of a Crane and Gazelle by David Hoff, which show a feeling for form and discreet modelling.

Woodcus by Jacob Pins

THE collection of woodcuts by Jacob Pins now on view at Ben Baruch's, 12 Ben Yehuda Street, is well worth seeing.

The work of Mr. Pins, one of the outstanding masters of his craft in the country, is well known but each exhibition brings something fresh and shows that development which is the hallmark of the genuine artist.

The present exhibition, which includes a number of coloured prints, presents mostly large-scale works where the artist has balanced large planes rather than relied on linear structure for interesting use of the actual pattern of the woodblock, exploiting it to give an added interest to the texture.

Especially worth notice are the beautiful studies of birds; dramatic cock and falcon and the deightful design with three storks (a print of which is in the collective exhibition at the Museum). In these clever use is made of discreet colour. Outstanding is the big "Beggars Fighting," full of tension and movement, and the study of a "Blind Lute Player."

A fine little exhibition with may works one would want to own.

S.W.

AVIATION COLUMN

Faster and Faster

By AIRBORNE

LAST week, a description was given of the new British Air Force plane which had topped a speed of 1,600 kilometres per hour. Now comes news that Britain has recovered the world speed record with a flight by Peter Twiss in the Fairey Delta 2 (shown below), at a speed of 1,813 kilometres per hour. This makes Twiss the first to fly officially at over 1,600 kilometres per hour.

Mail by Rockets

But the lust for more speed does not seem likely to be satiated by what piloted craft can achieve. From Germany now comes a proposal to use Transatlantic rockets for the despatch of mail. The opinion of a group of scientists working on rockets. Speed of the service they propose will be 5,000 kilometres per hour. So you will be able to sit down after breakfast, type out your express letter, and get your answer well before you leave for your lunch.

Moreover, the cost should be phenomenally cheaper than airmail, for with a rocket you only pay for fuel for the first 150 kilometres. Thereafter, the missile just coasts along through the ionosphere without fuel.

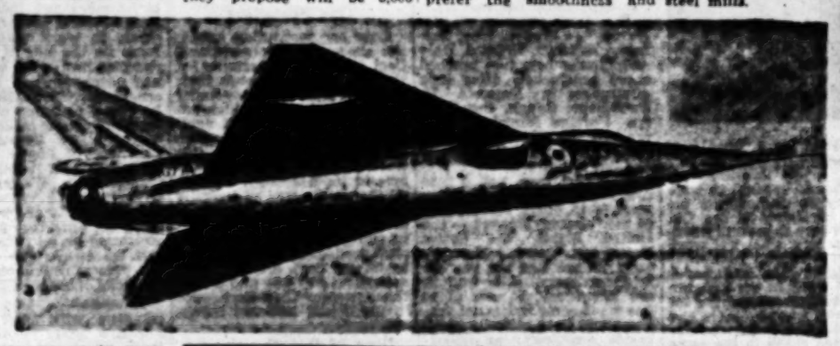
Air France Record

After such breath-taking predictions, it seems a bit lame to record that an Air France Constellation flew from Rome to Lydda this week in 4 hours 11 minutes at an average speed of 512 kilometres per hour. Be that as it may, this is the fastest recorded time yet for the flight: and who would not prefer the smoothness and luxury of the famous French airline to shooting through space in a rocket?

Lighter Planes

While the attention of the air-minded is dramatically held by speed, Krupp, the notorious German armaments firm, plans a swift re-entry into armaments production by the manufacture of jet-aircraft. The difference is that his planes will not be of steel but of titanium, the featherweight wonder metal.

Apart from the obvious advantages of this light metal, the use of titanium would not draw on Krupp's supplies of steel which are not in too generous supply as, under the agreement with the Western powers by which the firm regained ownership of its industrial empire, it is bound to divest itself of its coal mines and steel mills.



HAGGADOT AT BEZALEL

TWO mediaeval *Haggadot*, each one unique in its own way, which form the Passover exhibit at the Bezalel—an Ashkenazic illuminated *Haggada* of the 15th century, and a Sephardic one of the 13th (see Page Eight).

The Ashkenazic "Yahuda Haggada," written in Germany in about 1460, is so named in honour of the late Professor A.S. Yahuda and his late wife Mrs. Ethel Rachel, who presented the precious manuscript to the Bezalel Museum.

Colour slides of all the pages of the Yahuda *Haggada* form the March "Exhibit of the Month" at the Bezalel. It is a wonder-world of mediaeval folk art, describing in three cycles the preparations for Passover, the Exodus, and a wealth of other Bible stories. The illustrations are supplemented by rhymed explanations, written on streamers that make the manuscript look like an ancestor of the "comic book" of our day. An excellent catalogue simplifies study of this magnificent exhibit.

The 13th century Sephardic *Haggada* has not yet been photographed. I did not dare ask to have the pages of such a treasure turned for me, so I can only say that the open page is of a great and moving loveliness. One must hope that Messrs. Bernheim and Monosson, who did the colour slides of the Yahuda Haggada, will soon make the beauty of this probably even rarer manuscript accessible to the general public. *Th.F.M.*

THEATRE NOTES

Habimah Stages Faust

Habimah presents "Faust" by Goethe. Hebrew: Ya'acov Cahan. Directed by Julius Gellner. Settings: Yosef Carl, Baruch Kadari. Music: Gary Bertini. Choreography: Gertrude Kraus.

THE legend of Faust, which originated in Germany at the beginning of the 16th century, has always enchanted storytellers. In the beginning, Faust was a wicked magician who was the devil incarnate. During the Reformation, when the Protestants began their revolt against the abuses of the established Church, they used the story of Faust and his absorption in worldly learning for propaganda purposes, as a warning against the renunciation of theological study. He who gave up the study of the Divine Word would be eternally damned, since he left himself open to the lures of Satan. Christopher Marlowe rescued the legend from its propaganda trappings and made the first acceptable drama based upon it.

Goethe's Idea

But it was Goethe who changed the whole idea of the damnation of Faust. Goethe maintained, with Lessing, that the redemption of man lay with man himself, and with his hopes and aspirations. To this new interpretation, he added the beautiful story of Gretchen and couched the whole in magnificent poetry, so that "Faust" emerged from its mediaeval bonds and became a great modern drama.

"Faust" is not an easy play to produce. The poetic and philosophical discussions in the opening scenes can become tiresome unless one is thoroughly familiar with the lines. The genius of Goethe was not dramatic genius, with a feeling for the economy of words. His words need study and meditation. As a play, the production would have been improved by more judicious cutting. However, despite this basic handicap, it is beautiful and often exciting drama.

Julius Gellner has once more come from England to direct Habimah with his experienced hand. Mr. Gellner has evidently been strongly influenced by the Reinhart method of production. Lavishness and over-emphasis of grotesqueries are the principal defects in the Habimah production. Where stark simplicity can be used to suggest a setting (as was done effectively in the opening scenes) decoration is added to decoration. The revolving stage turns with ever changing sets, until the effect is almost that of a motion picture rather than a stage play. Taken in themselves, some of the settings of Yosef Carl and Baruch Kadari are good, but in the aggregate the production is almost smothered in scenery.

The play is extremely well cast. Shimon Finkel is a highly intellectual Faust, who gives full significance to the lines which Ya'acov Cahan has expertly translated into Hebrew. Mr. Finkel is excellent in every aspect of his role, except that of the rejuvenated lover. It might have been well to have a younger man take over the role for those scenes.

If we accept the idea that over-emphasis is desirable, then we can overcome the slight shock which accompanies Israel Becker's first emergence as Mephistopheles. For Mr. Becker does a magnificent job of interpreting Satan. He reads his lines beautifully, moves with exceptional grace and extracts all of the worldliness and humour which his part affords him. If he fails at all, it is only that he could not quite fulfil his bargain and make a young man of Faust.

Gretchen is the kind of a part for which any young actress might well bargain away her soul to the devil. Miriam Zohar had the good fortune to win this juicy role. She is a lovely and appealing Gretchen, who draws signs of appreciation from the audience. But her emotional range is limited and she does not make the very most of her big chance. The rest of the large cast played their parts well.

Gertrude Kraus did the choreography with her usual skill. It fitted in well with the rest of the production. If it was necessary to add yet another score to the long catalogue of Faust music, then the music of Gary Bertini seems to round out the picture of the present production. *IDA. B. DAVIDOWITZ*

The House of the Future

By MICHAEL DAVIE

LONDON.—

ONE might think that at this stage of human development it would be impossible to think up any radically new ideas about anything so basic as a house. Two young architects have done so for the "Daily Mail" Ideal Home Exhibition. Their house — the House of the Future — has been thought of as a town house; it is not set in its own garden but has the garden inside, with the rooms arranged round the edge. The roof is tilted so that the sun from the south will get into the rooms even on the north side. Rain water runs off the roof into a container in the internal garden.

The house is built in egg-yellow plastic and is full of gadgets — for example, an electrostatic dust collector and self-washing glass walls. The furniture includes a chair of fibre glass; the sink is red; there is an infra-red cubicle for cooking.

All the rooms "flow into one another freely like the compartments of a cave" and one has the feeling that life in a real cave (which is more probably where the future will land us) would be cosy by comparison.

BRIDGE By JERUSALEMITE

A CHANCE IN A MILLION

THE other night, at a small private party, I watched a friendly game of bridge. After several uninteresting hands, North dealt himself the following one:

S. J 9 8 7 5 2
H. 7 6 3
D. A 8 4
C. 4

East opened the bidding with one diamond, and South promptly doubled. West raised to three diamonds, North overcalled three spades, and East passed. Now South went into a long huddle and came out, his voice hardly audible from excitement, with six clubs. West doubled, and I was horrified to hear South change his mind and switch to six hearts — juggling for the best trump suit at the slam level! West doubled again, of course.

Unable to repress my curiosity, I walked around the table to see what South held. The full deal was:

S. J 9 8 7 5 2
H. 7 6 3
D. A 8 4
C. 4

S. K 8 6 4 — N — S. A Q 10
H. 10 8 — W E — H. K 5
D. Q 10 5 2 3 — S — D. K J 9 7
C. K 7 — C. 8 5 3
S. —
H. A Q J 9 8 4
D. —
C. A Q J 10 9 6 2

As the cards lay, South had a walkover for his slam, making an overtrick into the bargain.

I wonder why such cards never, never come my way...

P. A.

NATURE NOTES

OXTONGUE

PEOPLE who have had their hands (or their face!) licked by a cow know its pleasant roughness. It is this rasping quality in the leaves and stems of the family of Anchusa (and Alkanna — closely related, but this is not the place to go into the intricacies of botanic heraldry) — which has given rise to the popular name of ox-tongue, used in Hebrew also.

The plants belong to the family of Boraginees which also includes the Forget-me-not and the Viper's bugloss. But our local Ox-tongues or Alkanets are all lovely plants not like the ugly bugloss, with tubiform, fivelobed flowers, most of the species magnificently coloured, blue like gentian or deep purple, with a white eye.

Now today a neighbour brought me a species I have not seen before and cannot find in my Hebrew key: Its leaves are very narrow, much like the other species, but their bristles are softer, so that the leaf is velvety to the touch, like the Forget-me-nots, and the flowers are white, densely veined in violet-blue; the "eye" is also violet. It is not so spectacular a colour as the common ox-tongue's, but of a delicate beauty rewarding only at a close view.

Anchusa Stectoria (or Alkanna), the cultivated variety, produces red and brown paints used in industry, henna being the best-known of these. Up to about 80 years ago the roots of one species were also used pharmacologically as wound balm.

P. A.

Radio Review

Programmes of Local Interest

THE weekly three-minute message allotted to the Mayor of Jerusalem and his colleagues is a welcome item for the citizens of the capital. Apart from matters of national importance, each town and region has local information which can be broadcast and interest the people living in that district.

The trouble with such programmes is that they are of little interest to people elsewhere. Thus, last Friday we were told of the week of cleanliness, which Jerusalem is putting next to godliness. This talk was meant for only one-tenth of the potential listeners, yet it went out over a national broadcast. Similarly, the far more extensive Haifa broadcasts are incorporated into the main programmes of Kol Yisrael. Tel Aviv has not yet entered the municipal merry-go-round, but obviously it has as much right as the others. And so we find that the daily programme, contrary to all policy of concentrating on national fare, has to provide broadcasts of local interest . . . and, realizing the difficulty, allots only three minutes with the result that nobody is satisfied.

The solution to this dilemma does not seem too difficult. Although it does not reach the entire country, the Second Wavelength can be heard in the three big towns. Moreover, on this wavelength, on three evenings a week (fortunate coincidence) the peak period of 8-8.15 is occupied by a "fill-in" programme of gramaphone records. It would seem a logical gesture to grant this time to the three big municipalities, each receiving one 15-minute broadcast a week. There would be several advantages: people in the rest of the country would have another programme to which they can tune, the three minutes could be turned into a proper 15-minutes programme, the purely local Haifa items need no longer clog up the main wavelength, and local notices could be included in their transmission instead of after the news. There should be no financial problems for Kol Yisrael either, as these programmes should be met from the budgets of the municipalities.

A MOST welcome improvement has been evinced in "Owls and Howls." When this series opened, it bore the marks of a "lemon," but by a prudent overhaul, it seems well on the way to fulfilling the original hopes pinned on it. The most recent innovation is the introduction of an audience, which makes a world of difference, imparting an air of vitality as well as covering up slowness in tempo. The telephone, I am glad to say, has disappeared completely.

Many of the individual features are of a high entertainment value, for instance Yehuda Parsdis' joke contest, Amnon Achi-Naami's topical satire and Gavriel Zifroni's delving into anniversaries (now wisely concentrating on the piquant).

Some of the other items I found less pleasing, such as the Butlinesque "Is everybody happy?" (shades of "1984") periodally demanded of the audience, the dismissal of the band before the end of the broadcast, and the sentimental goodnight drooled into the microphone (an imitation of a popular American feature). The main fact, however, is that this show of Yitzhak Shimoni's is rapidly becoming good variety, and that its current success is due to systematic and intelligent improvement.

PICK OF NEXT WEEK'S LISTENING: Mendelssohn's "Elijah" (today at 4.35); Mozart's "Cosi fan tutte" (tomorrow at 4); Handel's "Exodus from Egypt" (Monday at 9.15); Passover pizyutim (Tues. at 10.15 a.m.); Passover folklore (Tues. at 11.35 a.m.); Lavry's oratorio "Song of Songs" (Tues. at 4.30); Bartok festival (Tues. at 9.15); Junior Collegium Musicum (Weds. at 5.15); Prize violin distribution (Weds. at 7.15); Talk on Hestiod (Weds. at 9.45); "Eternal Sabbath" by Shin Shalom (Weds. at 11.30 p.m.); "The railway reaches Beersheba" (Thurs. at 8.30).

AUDIO

ON THE AIR

FIRST PROGRAMME

822, 246, 29.5 & 48.9 M.

News: Hebrew: 7 a.m. (tomorrow 8.30 a.m.) 1.30, 7.00, 9.00 & 12.00 p.m. **Arabic Programme** (including News): 8 a.m., 2.15 & 5.45 p.m.

TODAY

6.00 a.m. Morning Programme (Haifa only). 6.30 Service. 6.35 Exercise. 6.45 Musical Clock (R). 7.15 Melodies (R). 9.00 Close Down.

12.00 N. "Music at Noon" Nora Meshulam. 12.30 "Military Bands" (R). 12.50 Programme for Hospitals (R). 1.45 "To Jerusalem Citizens." 1.48 "Light Fare." 3.15 Kabbalat Shabbat. 3.45 "Youth Corner." 4.15 Chess Corner. 4.35 Classical Requests. Mendelssohn: "Elijah" — Oratorio, Part One. (Conductor: Sir Malcolm Sargent). 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Shabbat Shalom. 8.00 Talk by Yeshayahu Klinov. 8.15 Soloist of the Week: Rudolf Serkin. 8.45 Friday Night Concert: Ravel: "Pavane," played by the Suisse Romande Orchestra, conducted by Ernest Ansermet. Bruckner: Symphony No.4 in E-flat-major ("Romantic") played by The Hague Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Willeur Van Otterloo. 10.50 The Story of the Week. 10.45 "Folk Dances." 11.15 Chamber Music: Mendelssohn: Trio in D-minor, op. 44, played by Rubinstein-Heifetz Piatigorsky. 11.45 Light Music. 12.00 Close Down.

TOMORROW

7.30 a.m. Services and Melodies. 8.40 Songs (R). 9.00 Morning Concert: Bach: "Sheep may Safely Graze." Schubert: "Song of Miriam" (Soloist: Rose Bampton), Verdi: "Te Deum" (conductor: Arturo Toscanini). 9.45 "Musical Quiz." 10.15 Literature Corner. 10.45 Concert Hall: Sibelius: "En Saga" — Symphony. Bruch: Scottish Fantasy for Violin & Orchestra, op. 46 (Soloist: Jascha Heifetz, conductor: William Steinberg.) 11.30 "Curtain Up" 12.15 Interlude. 12.30 Requests (R). 1.00 Stage and Screen. 1.45 Cantoral Recordings. 2.15 Light Music (R). 3.45 Literature Reading. 4.00 Opera: Mozart: "Cosi fan Tutte" —Act I Con.: Fritz Busch. 5.30 Science Studio. 6.45 Bible Reading. 7.15 Guests in the Studio. 7.30 Hamavdil & Melaveh Malka. 8.00 Art & Culture. 8.30 Interlude. 8.50 Questions and Answers. 9.10 Sport News. 9.15 Newsreel. 9.30 Miniatures. 10.00 "Allegro Con Brio." 10.30 Dance Music. 12.00 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME

491, 468, 225, 49.9 & 31.9 M.

English News: 1.45, 10.15 p.m. **French News:** 2.00 p.m.

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR (32.3, 34.9 & 469 M.): **Today:** 5.30-5.45) Yiddish-Hebrew Lesson 6.00 Light Music. 6.30 French. 7.00 Yiddish. 7.30 Ladino. 8.00 Light Music (R). 8.15 News in Easy Hebrew. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Hungarian. 9.00 Close Down.

KOL ZION LAGOLA (32.3 M.): **Today:** 6.30 News. 6.35 The Week in the Knesset. 6.50 Readings for Shabbat Hagadol by Uri Ephrat. 7.00 Hebrew Programme: From Week to Week. **Tomorrow:** 6.30 News. 6.35 "South Africans in Government Service. 6.50 Cantoral Music. 7.00 Yiddish Programme. **Today:** 11.15 News. 11.20 Reading for Shabbat Hagadol by Uri Ephrat. 11.30 Vistas of Israel: An Agricultural Conference in the Jewish Agency Part I. 11.45 "On Behalf of Israel." **Tomorrow:** 11.15 Shavua Tov. News Programme Highlights. 11.35 "This Also Happened." 11.50 The Week in the Knesset. 11.-?? Pentoral Music.

ARMY PROGRAMME (44.6, 216, 225 & 229 M.): 6.30 Opening. 6.35 "Towards the urday." 7.00 News. 7.10 Musical World. 7.30 In Israel and in the World.

B.B.C. HEBREW BROADCAST: (16.79, 19.43, 16.86, 25.15 M.): 7.30-8.00 p.m. **Today:** News Talk. British Album. **Tomorrow:** News, News Talk, From Review,

POST CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS. — 1. Big book. 4. Bad start for a beast. 8. Biblical task. 10. Managed to get rid of a mass. 12. May contain a winkle. 14. Ran away. 15. In which to see the pictures. 17. On top of the world? 18. Is it doubtful? 22. Foreign street. 23. It's certainly singular. 25. Repository for pottery. 27. If you want room, let a god have a go. 28. Soaked in more than exorbitant fashion. 32. Catch up with. 34. Girl from 32 Across. 35. Just a tree. 36. On which to hunt big game. 37. Lake.

DOWN. — 1. Urge to have a try at advertising? 2. Mostly a meadow insect. 3. Model attitude. 5. Equally certain to give confidence? 6. Horsy exclamation? 7. With which you might eat a tasty dish. 9. Can a single one be hundreds? 11. Stable worker with a grand apartment? 12. Witty rhyme for a song. 15. Run "3 Down," we hear. 16. Bill of fare. 18. Cats and dogs? 19. Make a devout appeal. 20. Not their time, we hear. 23. Trickled out. 24. Partly fresher. 26. We have small cups for tea. 28. Under him as an insurance man. 29. High limit? 30. River very refreshing in the afternoon, we hear. 30. Did he write a letter to Dad? 31. Foreigner. 33. Part of a Handel fugue.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

ACROSS. — 1. Buffer. 5. Sad. 8. Want. 9. Rook(ch-as). 10. Stolen. 11. Scribbler. 13. Lobe. 15. Hop. 16. Ailed. 17. In-set. 20. Elf. 22. Ate. 23. Halts. 24. Bambo. 28. Sop. 27. Snow. 28. Adventure. 31. Ideals. 32. Bun-g. 33. Nice. 34. (I)Eft. 35. Enters.

DOWN. — 1. Basic. 2. Football. 3. Ewes. 4. Rancher. 5. Strip. 6. Drab. 7. Foresee. 12. Rod. 14. Gift. 15. Naba. 19. Stone Age. 20. Bar-drum. 21. Ca-price. 24. Sos. 26. Twists. 28. Stunt. 29. Ships. 30. Eden.

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Israel Fashions A Hit in Los Angeles

By Diane Schloss

THE first all-Israel fashion display, and the third annual fashion show in the U.S., had its world premiere in Los Angeles a month ago. There was extravagant praise for its designs and fabric and it proved a veritable goldmine for its sponsors—the Women's Division of the Los Angeles Committee for Israel Development Bonds.

In the largest such gatherings ever seen by that city, 1,000 women were present and many had to be turned away. Participation exceeded all previous records, according to Mrs. Tamar Rich, director of the Women's Division, who organized the show.

Favourable comparison was drawn by the Californian press between this show, whence Israel *haute couture* talents were stressed, and previous fashion displays, when native and Yemenite crafts were emphasized.

The 40-piece display ranged from the casual to formal clothes with accessories to match. *Haute couture* models were by Lola Beer, Lili Schleiffer, Irma Zoe Alembik, and hats by Bebe Spitzer. Manufacturers reviewed included Aled, Elanit, Matzkin, Gewirtz, Wysocky and Neashit Ouginda. "Styling is sophisticated and follows the silhouette trends predominant throughout the world of fashion... The designers excel in their fabric selections and interpretive design notes," the "California Apparel News" writes. "The clothes could have come from any fashion centre in the world." "Woman's World" says, while the words "classic," "original" and "exciting," appear frequently in the reviews by other papers.

At the press preview Mrs. Rich related the dramatic stories behind each garmet. She herself had collected the pieces in Israel during a recent trip.

Among the casual clothes the Maskit slack suit and desert coat were admired as "very Californian in mood." Matzkin's rain apparel were hailed as "show-stoppers, many in rustling rayon satins, reversible and with matching rain hats." One raincoat of black faille was cut in the fullness and had all the elegance of a gala evening coat and was just as beautiful, according to "Woman." "Tailoring of Israel suits is magnificent," according to the "Los Angeles Examiner." Especially admired was the black silk cocktail suit by Lili Schleiffer, embroidered with black woollen dots and jet sequins.

The evening gowns for summer and the debutante dresses —all short—were highlighted. "Cool looking *crepe de chine* with easy soft skirts and bateau or gathered low necklines are practical in their seasonless look," the "Women's Wear Daily" declares. Cotton and linens are right for summer and fresh and unusual in their colour selection, including khaki with white grosgrain, red cotton, chartreuse linen and woven pique.

Several of the Aled and Elanit knits, in two-piece and three-piece ensembles, are available in shops as "particularly suited to the California way of life." Prices are comparable to those in the U.S. Chic costume suits in wool knitted on fine-guage hosiery mills are about $70. Sweaters sell for about $10, two-piece outfits for $20.

Miss Bebe Spitzer's hats were either shallow crowned with a breton or manipulated large brim for the lustrous straws or smaller head-conforming shapes in fabrics. In accessories synthetic taffeta or cotton poplin umbrellas and handwoven shoes were admired.

Yaad displayed a "contemporary" chair of wrought iron and rope with a foam rubber cushion.

Attendance to the show was by purchase of a $100 in Bonds or the sale of $300 worth of them. Over $300,000 in Bonds were sold during the "greatest public relations campaign, not only for this affair, but for Israel and Israel fashions, ever recorded," writes Mrs. Rich. There was coast-to-coast coverage, in addition to that of television and radio. The leading fashion designer of the Paramount Studios Miss Edith Head was unstinting in her praise and she issued a statement to the press.

Many of the fashion editors asked perplexing questions to which Mrs. Rich could not answer as she was unprepared. Would designers come to the U.S.? Would they consider selling original designs for reproduction? What were price structures?

As a result of the premiere showing in Los Angeles, the entire collection was purchased by the national Bond Office for display in the leading cities of the U.S. The first show in Milwaukee brought similar praise and enthusiasm from Fashion Editors, store buyers and the general public. Mrs. Rich reports that Gentiles came to the Bond Office to buy Israel Bonds in order to attend the fashion show. In that city $35,000 in Bonds were sold at a function which conflicted with the Welfare Fund campaign. The collection will have its next showing in Chicago, followed by Philadelphia, Boston, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Miami Beach.

FROM THE PARIS SHOWS

The young A-shirt-dress is in flowered organza, the full flaring skirt sixteen inches from ground.

The Tale of a Baby Girl

I HATE Mondays! And why do I hate Mondays? Because Monday is the day I take my daughter for her weekly check-up at the Tipat Halav (Drop of Milk). "So what?" you ask? O.K. Just you listen.

I get to the Tipat Halav with my daughter, all dressed up for the occasion, her hair still sticky from the oil I put on it, and very proud of my first child.

Well, we sit down and await our turn. And then, inevitably, it comes. "What a sweet baby!" (they always start like that, to lull your suspicious). "How old is she?" "Eight months," I answer, in the best of faith. "Eight months!" exclaims the neighbour on my right. "I did not think she was more than

six. How much does she weigh?" "Fourteen pounds," I answer, less readily. "Fourteen pounds! Why, my son is only five months old and weighs as much. Does she sit up yet?" "No." My answers are getting shorter, as is my temper. "What? She can't sit yet? My baby sat up at six months, stood up at eight, and now at nine she is already walking in her playpen," puts in another woman. The first one asks, "And has she got any teeth?"

To my relief my turn has come, I weigh my baby hurriedly, (she still weighs only 14 pounds) and escape, while one of the women starts a tale about how her baby danced with other children and sang *"Hashafan Hakaton"* on her first birthday.

All the way home I regard my child suspiciously and immediately upon arrival I try to make her sit, stand, walk or sing (anything would do), but to no avail. I am in a bad temper, burn the food, break another cup from the quickly dimishing set of 12, throw out the neighbour next door who came in to ask how much my daughter has gained...

Monday is in full swing. There are only four cups left. I am afraid my husband will divorce me. If I want to save the diminishing cups and my marriage, I shall have to think of something.

Well, I did think of something and last Monday was the day of my great victory. I came in quietly and sat down in a corner, my baby on my knees, a sad expression on my face. Not two minutes passed before the awaited question came. "What a sweet baby! How old is she?" "Eight months!" "I thought she was no more than six!" "I know," I say in a still smaller voice, "I am afraid she is retarded." "Retarded!" shrieked all the women in one voice. "Why, what nonsense! What put the idea in your head?" "You see," I start, "she weighs only 14 pounds." "So what," says the neighbour on my right. "What do you want from the poor little thing? She is small so she weighs less. It is rather nice for a girl to be small. And look at those cheeks, round and red as apples. She looks quite fat. I see you are a *Yidishe Mame*. Never satisfied with her baby."

"Yes," I say. "But she can't even sit yet and other children already stand at eight months." "Oh, don't pay attention to other children. My son, he is 12 now, stood up when he was 14 months, so what do you think, he can't run? He rushes about all day till I wish he would sit down. On the contrary. The later she stands up, the straighter legs she will have."

"But her teeth," I put in. "My nephew," says a woman across the room, "got his first tooth at sixteen months. They went to all kinds of doctors and everyone told them to wait patiently. Why haven't you got patience with your baby? I can't abide parents whose children can do nothing early enough."

I hid my face in my daughter's hair to hide the grin I could not conquer. *S.L.*

Food for the Freedom Festival

By Our Food Reporter

THE Passover dinner — the *seder* dinner that is—involves certain culinary problems. For one thing, the preparation will mostly be done in a kitchen limited in space. The wise housewife will make it a point to *kasher* her refrigerator a day or two before Passover so that she can stock her ingredients and then prepare her meal which need be warmed over only for the big event. If only the *knaidlach* (matza balls) and the salads are left for the last day then the Mrs. will also be able to enjoy the *seder* without being so exhausted that the pleasure goes out of the service and the feast. Here is a typical menu which can be pepared (and even frozen) a couple of days ahead.

Charoset
Gefilte Fish
Chicken Soup with Knaidlach
Fried Chicken
Broad beans, Carrot Zimmis
Potato Kugel or Matza Kugel
Crisp Combination Salad
Chremslach and Sugared Strawberries,
Demi-Tasse

Actually the hors d'oeuvres of the meal (and if they are supposed to be appetizers this is one time when they really fill their role!) will be the dips of herbs and horseradish, as well as the *charoset*, of which one partakes in the service. Nonetheless, I find that a proper first course of *charoset*, though expensive, is both suitable and piquant on this occasion. Make *charoset* balls that can be served with grapefruit slices and garnished with a sprig of mint as the opening to your very special meal.

Charoset

Almost every housewife has her own recipe for *charoset*. This delectable mixture of nuts and fruits is supposed to look like mortar but taste like heaven. You can make the dish cheap or expensive, depending on how much apple or *matza* meal you use, whether you mash in banana for bulk or grind up raisins. The principle is to grind up or dice in any combination you wish, dates, figs, nuts, apples, bananas, raisins, candied fruit peel, even a cooked sweet potato, and flavour with lemon and orange rind, cinnamon and ginger to taste, a suggestion of sugar, honey, red wine and then, for bulk, add matza meal. The *charoset* should be sticky enough to be made into balls, or at least to be ladelled up with a spoon without being runny.

Knaidlach

Recipes for *knaidlach*, too, are as different as housewives themselves. But one important rule is that the batter should be allowed to stand for at least half an hour (half a day is better) before dropping into the soup so that the *matza* meal has time to absorb the moisture thoroughly, which then results in a featherweight dumpling.

Ingredients: *2 eggs, 4 tbsps. oil, 1 cup matza meal, ½ cup cold water, 1 tsp. salt, Dash of ginger or nutmeg.*

Beat eggs and stir in the other ingredients. Allow to stand for at least half an hour, but several hours is better. Half an hour before serving time, form the batter into small balls and drop into the rapidly boiling soup and allow to cook for 30 minutes before dishing up.

Passover Gefilte Fish

Delicious with horseradish which has been mixed with grated beetroot and dill pickles! *Gefilte* fish can be made in one big batch and frozen and then used as required all during the eight-day holiday.

1 kilo carp, ½ kilo fish fillet, 1 each, onion, carrot, celery root, Salt and pepper to taste (I use 1 tbsp. salt and ½ tsp. pepper), 3 eggs, 1 or 2 matzot, soaked in water and pressed dry.

Put everything through the meat chopper and add the eggs. Pat into shape of *gefilte* fish. Lay the patties on a bed of more onion and carrots. If you like, you can garnish each piece of fish with a slice of carrot. Add cold water to cover and bring to a boil and then simmer gently for about two hours. About half the liquid should remain but if it cooks out add a little water during the simmering.

Fried Chicken

The young birds now on the market are so tender they can be fried as simply and quickly as a piece of fish. Dip each piece in beaten egg to which salt and pepper has been added, roll in *matza* meal and fry in very hot fat until done. Very good warmed over.

Matza Meal Kugel

1 cup matza meal, ½ cup sugar, ¼ tsp. cinnamon, ½ tsp. salt, Juice and rind of ½ lemon, 1 cup grated carrot, 1 cup mixed fruit (apple grated, raisins, dates or figs or any combined), 1 cup grated sweet or plain potato, ½ cup margarine

Combine all the ingredients. Turn into a greased pudding dish which can be tightly covered and steam for two hours inside a big pot of water which is kept boiling.

Broad Beans

These are now on the market. Cut up fine, pods and beans and all, into even slices. Fry gently in oil for a few minutes, then add salt to taste and just enough water to cover. When almost all the water is gone, add chopped dill and parsley and cook gently until tender.

Chremslach

Pastry:— *3 tbsps. oil, 6 tbsps. hot water, 1 lemon, rind and juice, 4 cups matza meal, 4 eggs, separated, ¼ tsp. salt, Fat for frying, ½ cup sugar.* Filling:— *Your favourite preserve, matza meal to absorb extra liquid.*

Mix fat and water. Add lemon rind, juice and sugar. Stir in *matza* meal gradually to make a stiff batter free of lumps. Beat yolks and add. Fold in stiffly beaten egg whites. Now grease your hands and roll the *chremslach* into balls. Make a hole and insert a little filling. Close over and pat gently to flatten a little. Fry in deep hot fat until crisp and brown.

Passover Cakes

Fortunately in Israel we can get baking powder that is *kasher* for Passover so you don't have to make those expensive sponge cakes that call for 12 and 18 eggs. Just use your favourite 2 or 3 egg cake but add about one-third less *matza* meal than you would flour, and increase the amount of baking powder by about one-half. Bake in a slower oven than usual, but for a longer time.

mr. & mrs.

Sweet again: Has your thermos flask picked up a musty smell? Well, it has done so probably because you corked it when the flask is put away. Getting rid of the unpleasant odour is as simple as it is efficient: to the washing up water add a teaspoon of vinegar, swish the liquid around inside the flask and then rinse with cold water.

Still another use: While on the subject of vinegar, here's another neat cleansing tip on removing tea stains from china and particularly from the rims of cups: dip a dish cloth into a mixture of a teaspoon or so of vinegar and some table salt and rub over the tea stains. If they don't disappear entirely, they will at least be a lot fainter... If after all this your hands smell of vinegar, wash them in soap and water.

Keeping them fresh: Now that the approaching warmer weather has already put a larger variety of flowers on the market and into vases, pots and jars in our homes, the perennial question raises itself: how to keep the flowers fresh longer. Different people swear by different methods, whether it's a little salt, or an aspirin, even a small piece of camphor, in the water or cutting off a small piece of the stalk each day. Others recommend splitting the stems a few centimetres if they are woody. We don't know if all these methods make that much difference, but if your vase contains flowers which are apt to make the water smell, we definitely suggest putting a small piece of charcoal into the vase. A handy source of charcoal that we have used are the tricarbon tablets that can be bought at any chemists.

Diary of a Housewife

By Hadassah Bat Haim

CHILDREN hand over their school reports and stand by with interest while I laboriously decipher their marks. Head of the House says it's nice to see them so confident of our understanding no matter what is in them. As a boy he would have been frightened to take home a bad report. I say that personally my reports were a model, but I could well understand that a bad one would be an unpleasant thing with which to face some parents.

DAUGHTER points out with satisfaction that she got "excellent" for being clean and orderly. I say that going by the number of times she changes her clothes, does up her hair, and looks in the mirror before going to school, "excellent" is the least she should have got. On the other hand the "good" awarded to my son in this field must have been given in a lenient moment.

BOTH of them have good marks for singing, which seems to indicate either that the singing teacher is stone deaf or that they only open their mouths without allowing themselves to emit any sounds. Have the greatest admiration for the music teacher, who has conscientiously instituted school choir practice at seven o'clock in the morning.

COOKERY too, seems to have taken well, though they both maintain they only learn to wash dishes. Have seen no evidence of any skill in this direction as unfortunately homework is not given in this subject. The same applies to gardening where they both have good marks.

DAUGHTER says one little girl in her class is afraid to go home as she has a bad report and she thinks her parents will beat her. Find this rather incredible, but daughter says the little girl is going to cite me as an example of tolerant parenthood and hopes this will soften her parents wrath. Am just beginning to congratulate myself on this unsolicited testimonial when she adds that she told the little girl she supposed that I must have always had such bad reports that I knew how it feels and that her parents will probably get used to it as mine had to.

fashion hints

BY TELVA MODEL

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Thirteenth-Century Haggada

By M. NARKIS

There are a number of special points that are typical of the Sephardic Haggada which will be on display as the Exhibit of the Month at the Bezalel National Museum, from the point of view of the religious customs referred to. But what interests us here is this Haggada's artistic individuality. There are two kinds of illuminated Haggada: the one whose illuminations are executed in a somewhat "iconoclastic" spirit, since it does not contain pictures but initial letters or, better still, the opening words of paragraphs, drawn in an anthropomorphic or zoomorphic spirit, i.e., the bodies of letters are formed by the human, animal or bird figure; the other kind has its roots in an older tradition and contains at the opening or the very end of the Haggada a cycle of Biblical illustrations from the Creation to the "Song of the Sea," and is followed by interesting pictures of the *seder* ceremony. The subject of the unified Biblical illustrations proves that they have their roots not in the typological illustration cycle but in ancient tradition, for a number of Haggadot contain other Byzantine or Hellenistic elements.

The Haggada in question also contains remains of this Bible illustration cycle. I say "remains" advisedly, for part of the illustrations have either disappeared or were never completed. There are also signs that the scribe, who in my opinion was also the artist, was not able to complete his illumination for personal or other reasons. Since the Haggada dates back to the close of the thirteenth century, it may be surmised that it was in the making during the anti-Jewish fiscal persecutions in Catalonia which forced the scribe, or whoever commissioned the work, to flee. The calamity that befell the proprietor of the Haggada or its illuminator opens to us a vista into the home of the artist, his workshop and the way he worked, as I shall explain below.

Script on Parchment

The manuscript bears the typical Sephardi script written with quill on parchment polished on both sides, as was customary with Sephardi manuscripts. The parchment is thin and well chalked. The Haggada consists of nine quires, the first two of which contain 16 pages each, the other eight pages and the two before the last seven and six pages — a total of 85 pages. The Sephardi scribe stopped writing his Haggada on page 53, the other side of which has remained blank. It seems that this Haggada at a later period found its way into Ashkenazi hands, perhaps in northern Italy, a theory supported by the Censor's stamp dated 1617 and by the addition of a part of the Hallel and "Greater Hallel" which the Sephardim did not generally include in their Haggada, unless they wanted to drink a Fifth Cup. An Ashkenazi scribe writing with a quill begins on page 54 and concludes on the first side of page 66 with religious songs, which can only be attributed to the Jews of Italy. In order to make this addition, this scribe rearranged the quires to add new ones of coarser parchment, also relegating the ninth quire to the very end. And it is precisely this quire that is an inseparable part of the Sephardic Haggada since it contains parts of the cycle of biblical illustrations peculiar to Sephardi manuscripts and the thirteenth century.

Illustrator's Art

There are four kinds of illustrations that grace our Haggada: decorative miniatures; illustrative representation; pictures describing the Ceremony; and sketches of the Biblical illustration cycle. All of these, whether completed or otherwise, attest to a great deal of artistic knowledge and ability. The artist's style testifies to his being a member of his community and the times, technically as well as creatively. While the strong French influence points to the venue of the work, seemingly Catalonia near the French border. The artist has used blue, red and green; by mixing he has obtained rose, violet and grey. Highly burnished gold and silver play an appreciable role in the decoration and for metal the artist had prepared a thick rose-coloured bolus base.

Decorative illustration, which is said to be the property of the generation, contains, on the one hand, *drolleries*, comical notions such as androgynous animals fitted with human, animal or bird heads, dragons, with strange creatures playing guitars or blowing on flutes and trumpets, play the role

of the doctor holding up a bottle; on the other hand there is also the decorative art containing very old symbolic motifs, such as the stag or rabbit hunt, a favourite subject in mediaeval days.

Illustrative art begins with the representation of the Four Sons: the Hacham, heavily bearded and sitting on a couch, raises his right hand in discourse while in his left he holds a volume with a dark binding. He wears a wide-sleeved robe under which can be seen a blue garment, and part of his blue head-dress falls over his neck to his shoulders. The Rasha is portrayed with a heavy club on his shoulder, a silver helmet on his head, sword on hip and round shield on arm; while the Tam and the last Son are simply portrayed, the latter, in the spirit of the times, as a child with folded arms.

In Gothic Style

Near the words "B'eretz Goshen" which conclude a section of the Haggada, we find the illustration of a city with a number of houses — a pleasant architectonic coloured illustration in Romanesque style. Near the text "And their Cry went Up" the artist has drawn an animal with a human head. Covering his weeping face, Rabbi Gamliel sits in a Gothic structure with his pupils before him. Near the prayer "Pour out thy wrath" there is a complete page framing a family of six sitting at the *seder* table against half a red background; the other half of the background is presumably blue.

Illustration of the *seder* proves that it had been an accepted practice to remind those presiding over the *seder* what was to be done at certain points.

FROM SLAVERY TO FREEDOM – מעבדות לחרות

Yemenite Settlers Redeeming Wasteland at Givat Ye'arim in the Jerusalem Corridor. Photo by Braun

British Soldier and Lover of Zion

By HAROLD U. RIBALOW

GIDEON GOES TO WAR. By Leonard Mosley. — Scribners, New York, 253 pp., $3.75.

When Major-General Orde C. Wingate was seven years old the only games he played were dramatizations of Old Testament stories. He was suckled on the strong milk of the Old Testament and weaned on the Psalms and Proverbs. His military career in the British Army was agonizing, frustrating, heroic and utterly fascinating. When he was killed in an air crash in Burma in 1941, death came to one of the most remarkable individuals of the 20th century. Winston Churchill, who mourned his death deeply and who had befriended him during some of the darkest moments in Wingate's career, declared, "With him a bright flame was extinguished."

General Wingate is famous for three things, apart from his blazing coruscating personality. He accomplished miracles for the Allied cause in the obscure and bitterly fought war in Burma; in an imaginative and daring campaign in Ethiopia he helped return Haile Selassie to his throne; and he was among the most fervent Zionists in the entire history of the Zionist movement.

In 1936, Orde and Lorna Wingate were posted to Palestine. Like most British career officers, Wingate was partial to the Arabs and, having served in Egypt and the Sudan, he had studied Arabic and admired the Beduins. He was related to T. E. Lawrence, the famed "Lawrence of Arabia," and this relationship made him feel closer to the Arabs, at least for a while. Later, his opinion of Lawrence diminished and he differed violently with his military tactics and techniques.

Fighting for Freedom

Conscientious in his duties, Wingate read avidly on the problem of Palestine before landing on its shores. Almost at once he became a Zionist. On his very first evening in Palestine he met an intelligence officer of the Haganа and challenged him to state whether or not he believed in a State of Israel. The Jew said that he did. Wingate asked, "Do you realize that you would have to fight for your independence?"

The Jew conceded that he realized it.

Wingate shouted, "But fight! I mean fight! A bloody struggle. There will be no free Palestine for the Jews unless you fight and win. And you will not win, my friend, unless I teach you how to fight and I lead you into battle."

It took the Jews a considerable period of time to realize that Orde Wingate meant every word he said. Palestine intoxicated him. His Biblical training made it feel much more like a return to a home he had always known than an arrival in a strange land. To stand on the places where the Old Testament prophets had lived, taught, fought and died was as sweet smelling to him as the anointment oils of a newly acclaimed king.

The Call of the Land

This is how Leonard Mosley, Wingate's biographer explains the Briton's love for Palestine. "Orde Wingate," Leonard Mosley writes, "seeing the landscape of his Bible coming to life, was a convinced Zionist for the rest of his existence, and from the moment of his revelation he made no secret of the fact that he would help the Jews to win their independent State, even if it meant fighting other enemies of Zion besides the Arabs." He loved best the Ein Harod area where Gideon is buried, for he visualized himself as a modern Gideon, fighting for the Land of Israel.

Leonard Mosley, an English war correspondent and close friend of Wingate, has written a vivid, fast-moving biography of a man whose accomplishments on behalf of the Jewish people have been equalled by few Jews in our time. He taught the Jews how to fight back against the Arabs; he instructed the "sabras" in guerrilla warfare; under his guidance the contemporary military leaders of Israel studied the art of warfare; his impassioned adherence to the Zionist cause inspired hundreds of key Jewish leaders who had previously been depressed over the obstacles they faced carving out a homeland for the Jewish people in Palestine.

He worked closely with — sometimes arguing and fighting at the same time—Chaim Weismann, David Ben-Gurion, Moshe Sharett and Moshe Dayan, now Chief of the Israel Army.

The book abounds in anecdotes and insights concerning the Jews, the British, the Arabs and the Americans. It is quite apart from its special interest to Jews, a brilliant account of an unforgettable man. He died at 48 but accomplished more during an intense, often unhappy, life, than most people can hope to accomplish in a hundred years.

Fifty Years of Black Gold

By KURT GRUNWALD

THE MIDDLE EAST, OIL AND THE GREAT POWERS. By Benjamin Shwadran. — Frederick A. Praeger, New York. 500 pp., $7.-

THE EMPIRE OF OIL. By Harvey O'Connor. — Monthly Review Press, New York. 340 pp., $ 5.-

About $3,200m. were the direct payments which Middle Eastern Governments and rulers received in the decade 1946-1955 from oil production. In 1946 these payments amounted to about $55m., in 1954 to about $700m., 93 per cent of which accrued to Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

These figures, more than anything else, reflect the dramatic developments which have taken place in recent years, developments whose well-nigh revolutionary impact on the economic, social and political life of this region cannot yet be fathomed. But the optimism which once prevailed in this respect is increasingly giving way to scepticism and concern.

The recent publications by H. St. John Philby, culminating in the articles "The Scandal of Arabia" ("Sunday Times," London October 23 and 30, 1955) were followed, on the other side of the ocean, by the catalogue of wanton waste in Saudi Arabia, reminiscent of the Arabian Nights stories which "Time" released ("Decay in the Desert," December 19, 1955). Such articles indicate the beginning awareness that "storm-clouds gather over Arabia." This phrase was used by Daniel van der Meulen, former Dutch Minister to Saudi Arabia and well known Arabist, in a review of Sanger's "The Arabian Peninsula" in which he refers to "the reality of American involvement and her duty to accept the responsibility of how the treasury of ages which America found and brought to daylight in Arabia, can be turned into a blessing instead of the *menace it has now become.*" This growing awareness is reflected, too, in the increasing number of publications dealing more thoroughly with oil in the Middle East in general, or certain aspects thereof. The London "Economist," for instance, devoted a sixteen-page supplement to "Oil and Social Changes in the Middle East" (July 2, 1955). This aspect had been almost completely neglected in S.H. Longrigg's "Oil in the Middle East, its Discovery and Development" (1954), though, to some extent, he made up for this omission in his lecture "M.E. Oil: Blessing or Curse," held before the Royal Central Asian Society.

There was, therefore, a long-felt need for an independent account, which Benjamin Shwadran has now given in his impressive volume which is likely to become the standard text on this subject, covering as it does practically every aspect of the complex picture. Complex because, apart from the many conflicting interests among the Great Powers, mainly Great Britain and the U.S., there was also competition between the various American groups and, finally, the frequently strained relations between the concessionaires and the Middle Eastern governments. Shwadran gives a very thorough account of every single concession, and provides us with a veritable diplomatic history of the Middle East in our days, which, incidentally, makes exciting reading.

Fantastic Profits

In contrast to Longrigg, who stresses the undeniable profits and advantages which accrued to the respective countries from the activities of the oil companies, Shwadran shows also the other side, viz., the fantastic profits made by the companies themselves. The discrepancy which existed until recently between the two was the principal reason for the repeated cancellations and, finally, the nationalization of the Iranian oil concession (to which two thirds of the book are devoted).

After a period of ruthless exploitation (of which the sale of oil products in the M.E. on the basis of "Gulf prices" was a most blatant example), amends were gradually made, but usually "too late and too little" to mollify the justified resentment. Dealing with the relations between Governments and companies in the light of the various stages of progress achieved, Shwadran is right in wondering whether the next stage in Iranian progress will invalidate the latest agreements with the international consortium, necessitating a new solution. This "will depend not only on internal Iranian conditions, but more than ever on a complex of external conditions in the Middle East in particular, and in the world in general."

Impact on Primitive Society

However, the danger of conflict arises not always from a justified resentment of being exploited. "The same quick accommodation to the Western way of living, without understanding or appreciation of the forces behind the achievements which made such a way of life possible, affected the rulers and their servants." The social impact of modern technology on a primitive society like Arabia is profound:

> The first thing to crack was their fatalism, their acceptance of the existing order. The education and training which the workers received in the Companies' schools and outside the schools, limited though they were, created a sense of discontent and, instead of being grateful to the Companies for the benefits received, they were inclined to blame them for the differences between themselves and the American employees. In spite of Government injunction, they actually proclaimed a strike in 1953, demanding higher wages and additional employment benefits.

It is open to speculation whether and how this discontent could be rendered socially productive. So far it seems that the oil companies, like the sorcerer's apprentice, have become the servants rather than the masters of the spirits they invoked. Of particular interest in this connection is the influence which the compaines exercise on their governments, such as in the case of the wartime grant-in-aid to Ibn Saud. Or the disclosure by Shwadran of an affidavit by Aramco, submitted to a Federal Court, containing "assertions which are baffling."

There is only one aspect which Shwadron omitted to deal with in his otherwise encyclopaedic treatise, viz., the dollar-sterling oil conflict which, while not acute at present, may flare up again in the future.

A Dubious Balance Sheet

It is just about 50 years since the first oil was struck in the Middle East, and Shwadran's book is a well-timed balance sheet. But there is little to show on the credit side for all the billions of dollars spent. As Shwadran sums it up:

> Viewed against the world struggle between democratic freedom and Communism, the Western powers and the oil companies operating in the Middle East have failed to utilize the oil resources to develop the peoples of the region for a real democratic life which would prepare them as a decisive force in the ultimate test. The oil resources have been swallowed up by the companies and squandered by most of the rulers and governments of the area. The Middle East — with the exception of Turkey and Israel — is being weakened socially; it is politically unstable and economically backward. Will the peoples of the areas be ready to fight and hold the region for the democratic world?

"Law of the Jungle"

The operations of the oil companies in the Middle East and in the international sphere cannot be fully appreciated without knowing their set-up of operations at home. In this respect O'Connor's "Empire of Oil" provides a lively account of the background, primarily of the American scene where, to use one of his headlines, the "Law of the Jungle" prevails.

Here we learn of the industry, its internal and public relations, its influence on Washington, its foreign interests and its fabulous profits.

In this connection the two chapters, "The Wealth of Arabia" and "Politics of Oil in the Middle East," are of particular interest to us. Though covering the same subject as Mr. Shwadran's book, their emphasis is different. This book, while well documented, is frankly one-sided, in that it is a plea for public and international control of this industry. Now that Israel is joining the ranks of oil producing countries, O'Connor's racy account should find many interested readers here. And, considering the influence of the oil companies on foreign relations, affecting the Middle East in particular, one will wish with Professors Leo Haberman and Paul M. Sweezy in their introduction to the book that "If only enough Americans will read and study it, (they) shall change from being one of the most poorly informed to one of the best informed peoples on the global implications of oil production and distribution."

Round the Bookshops

The world assumes that there is a certain rough justice in its poets: we presume that the joy of having their poems declaimed posthumously by schoolboys should console them for suffering during their lives. Who asked them to become poets, anyway, when there are so many useful jobs available? This consolation of immortality, however, is of no great help to their wives. In **The Very Young Mrs. Poe** (Crown, IL4.550) Cothburn O'Neal tells the very sad story of Virginia Clemm, the child-wife of the great Edgar Allan Poe. We know the young lady as "Annabel Lee": she was both Eddy's dream girl and the co-inhabitant of his hardships. She had it very tough indeed, until she died at the age of 24. This does not make a jolly biography.

Roman history provides a fairly interesting novel in Ralph Graves' **The Lost Eagles** (Knopf, IL5.135). The emperor feels awful about the legions losing their standards, but our hero duly recovers the honour of the Empire. John Masters' **Coromandel!** (Bantam, 650 prutot) is a very mixed novel about India, the mixture containing tedium, sentimentality, cruelty, lust and the usual ingredients. I find Mr. Masters a most overrated novelist: the repeated comparison of his writing with that of Kipling is yet another insult to which I presume the British Empire will submit. On the other hand, the same writer's autobiographical piece, **Bugles and a Tiger** (Viking, IL5.135) is most interesting and effectively written.

More Autobiographies

Another absorbing autobiography is Dr. Charles F. Bore's **A Paris Surgeon's Story** (Little, Brown, IL5.850). Apart from vivid medical anecdotes, Dr. Bore also reports brilliantly on the Paris and people he loved. In some ways this is even reminiscent of the great "San Michele." Lighter reading which seems to be disguised autobiography is Henry Cecil's **Brothers in Law** (Harper, IL4.550), which should delight the ladies and gentlemen of a very important profession in need of better public relations.

Love? Faith?

Long, long ago the bright young set patented the expression "perfectly sickmaking." I was irresistibly reminded of this ghastly phrase by Michael Blankfort's novel, **The Strong Hand** (Little, Brown, IL4.875), a revolting work about "modern love (Katy) in conflict with eternal faith" (Rabbi Leo), Herman (Marjorie Morningstar) Wouk and his wife loved this tribute to the American Rabbinate, so maybe I'm mad.

Nadine Gordimer's **The Lying Days** (Signet, 650 pr.) is a dreary, modern-idiom novel about an adolescent girl in South Africa. It is so subtle that one wonders, in Roy Campbell's phrase, "Where's the bloody horse?" By contrast I urge you to buy The Pocket Library selection of O. Henry (455 pr.), a first-rate selection of brilliant short stories.

PHILIP GILLON

Hebrew Book Briefs

Ha'em (Mother, by E. Fraenkel; Sinai) is a collection of poems, stories, sculptures, paintings and drawings garnered from the works of Bialik and Rodin, Chernikhovsky and Mocarsi, Ya'acov Cohen and Kaete Kollwitz, etc., all paying a glorious tribute to mother (with the notable exception of Eve). Though necessarily curtailed and with numerous sources remaining untapped, this seemingly random selection is well rounded out and attractive.

Georges Sand, the woman in man's attire, smoking a thick black cigar flippantly, but sincerely, espousing masculine firmness and determination as opposed to feminine resignation and dependence, is the subject of Lelia (La Vie de Georges Sand, translated by L. Weitz-Cohen; Masada) from the unfaltering pen of André Maurois who paints the portrait of the prolific writer who fought for progress, emancipation, free love and social justice against the background of the period with its artists and writers, musicians and actors who collected round her and made up her dynamic circle.

The Nazi steam-roller was moving along fast during those dark months in 1941, having things almost its own way till it reached and stood B'shaarel Moskva (At the Gates of Moscow, from a Yiddish ms. by A. S. Stein; Ayanot). Then it came up against a human wall where it was forced to a sudden halt, a life-and-death fight and then a slow, sullen retreat. These are the months Mendel Mann describes in his book and naturally he dwells upon the Jewish angle: the Jew, he explains, could never be a hero, for if he threw himself into the jaws of death and thereby frustrated an enemy advance, his officers condemned him for it, calling his action pure suicide and contrary to the dictates of party and army discipline which call upon officers (trained at so great an effort) to stay alive at all costs. A gripping tale by a master writer.

M. M.

THE PASSOVER STORY

HAGGADA SHEL PESSACH. Ed. Shas (S. Sholsky). Transl. I.M. Lask. Illustrated by I. Litvini. — Yavneh.

THE FESTIVALS — PESSACH, SUKKOT, ROSH HASHANA. Ed. A. Newmark. — Dept. for Torah Education, World Zionist Organisation, Jerusalem.

The "Yavneh" edition de luxe of the Passover story will be an ideal present for all those who like old wine in new bottles, while the padded binding and the whole layout have less appeal to those who prefer to read the familiar text without artistic interruptions (not to mention four pages inserted upside down).

There are two interesting departures from the traditional presentation: suitable passages from Scripture are added at the beginning and the end; and the current text is accompanied on the lower part of the page by a special section for children, under the general heading "And thou shalt narrate it to thy son."

The illustrations in colour maintain a balance between old and more modern design and will no doubt be greatly appreciated by the younger participants in the celebration. The original conception of the "Four Sons" deserves special mention.

As might be expected, I.M. Lask's English translation is excellent and superior to any other known to this reviewer.

The Meaning of Festivals

Not only teachers will welcome the collection of articles written in English and presented in the series "Mayanot — Jewish Teacher's Companion." The laws and customs concerning the three festivals dealt with in this volume are summarised, and their significance is explained in learned and lucid annotations, many of which shed new light on difficult passages and obscure traditions.

The articles by H. Chamiel, J. Moriel, J. Jacobson and Y. Preuss on Passover are particularly welcome at this season of the year.

PLONI

Life and Letters

Oil Research and Politics

Readers of the Oil Supplement in Wednesday's issue of The Jerusalem Post will find additional material in "Israel Economic Forum" (published by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and the Bank Leumi Le-Israel), Vol. Six of March 1956, which is entirely devoted to "The Mineral and Water Resources of Israel." It contains, among many other contributions, a 28-page survey by Prof. L. Picard geologist of the Hebrew University, of the history of mineral research in Israel, including a chapter on crude oil and gas and on the early reports by various experts which were incorporated in the final report of 1951 by M. and W. Ball on "Oil Prospects of Israel."

Important political aspects of Middle Eastern oil production and politics are revealed in two recent publications, reviewed in today's issue.

Orde Wingate

By a curious coincidence, a new book on General Wingate is reviewed on this page, while Mr. Christopher Sykes is in the country collecting material for his own Life of the great soldier and Lover of Zion. To judge from "Two Studies in Virtue" (reviewed in these columns on October 20, 1954), where Mr. Sykes gave us the first authentic account of his father, Sir Mark Sykes, who played so decisive a part in the preparation of the Balfour Declaration, we may look forward to another important contribution to the history of Israel's struggle for independence.

Biographies of Eleven Thousand Jews

WHO'S WHO IN WORLD JEWRY. Edited by Harry Schneiderman and Itzhak J. Carmin. — Who's Who in World Jewry, Inc., in cooperation with Monde Publishers, Inc., New York, 888 pp. (To obtain in Israel at P.O.B.2770, Tel Aviv. Price IL 35).

At long last, an authoritative and comprehensive Who's Who of Jews is more than 70 countries has been made available with this monumental volume—monumental both in size and achievement.

The Editorial Board, which was headed by Mr. Harry Schneiderman, editor of the American Jewish Year Book for the last 30 years, and Mr. I. J. Carmin, President of Monde Publishers, was assisted by a representative advisory council and a great number of experts in various countries.

The main importance of the volume lies, of course, in the biographies — no less than 11,000 in number (including 120-odd Cohens)—but the appendices, a directory of organizations and periodicals, are a valuable addition, although in this section information is far from complete. Under "Israel," for instance, we find no mention of the important Teachers' Union, nor of most of the learned societies, to mention only the Israel Exploration Society. The list of periodicals published in Israel is so long that completeness could not be expected, but if *Turbitz* is mentioned, why not the old-established *Kiryat Sefer*, or such important monthlies as *Mosnayim* and *Moladt*?

However, such omissions are more than excusable in a first compilation.

The biographical section, which must have entailed an immense amount of preparatory work, deserves every praise. The aim was not, of course, to produce a National Biography, such as S. Wininger attempted single-handed many years ago — an old *desideratum*.

Difficulties of Selection

Any "Who's Who" will inevitably, in a first edition, suffer from a certain imbalance. In this respect, the subtitle "A Biographical Dictionary of Outstanding Jews" and the publishers' reference to "the most creative and significant Jews" is somewhat misleading. The late Arthur Ruppin used to say: "There are 15 million Jews, most of whom I know personally." But even without such encyclopaedic acquaintance with our people one cannot suppress some slight doubts as to the "creativeness" or "outstandingness" of quite a few of the personalities included in this catalogue of "chosen people."

There is another source of disproportion, for which the editors cannot be held responsible, viz. the difference between the data of a man who is just important or even great, and another, less great, who has written a number of books, pamphlets and articles, all of which seem to be worth listing. Thus we find, for example, 28 lines for Chaim Weismann and an equal number for a prolific official of the Zionist Organization, while the Director-General of Israel's Foreign Ministry vies with the erstwhile Commander-in-Chief of I.Z.L. for a place at the lowest rungs of the ladder, with eight and nine lines respectively.

It would be odious to point to some rather startling omissions, both in Israel and other countries, or to the inclusion of so many minor officials. With the experience now acquired, the next edition will, no doubt, apply stricter standards, in accordance with the saying that "many be called, but few chosen."

Technically, the volume is well designed and produced and easy to handle, though it must be said that the inking is regrettably unequal.

These few critical remarks are only meant to be helpful for future editions which will, no doubt, soon become necessary. For, seen as a whole, this is an outstanding achievement which will be much appreciated by everybody concerned with Jewish affairs, by politicians, newspaper editors and librarians as well as by workers in national and international organizations, whose daily quest for reliable biographical information has now been satisfied with this pioneering publication.

E.M.

Stamp of the Week

The boy on the stamp is turning over the pages of a well filled album, and the reason for his being featured on this new issue is simply that his government is extremely stamp-conscious.

More and more countries are awakening to the fact that stamps are good publicity. And when the post office authorities are stumped for a new theme, well—what could be easier than to put out a stamp in honour of stamps and stamp collecting.

France does it. So does the Saar. Now here is Austria following suit with this well-designed picture of the schoolboy and his album. In the left hand top corner is the inscription "Day of the Stamp, 1955."

The portraiture is extremely good, though the overall appearance of this novel issue would have been improved by brighter colours and heavier printing.

The stamp is recess-printed, perforated 12½ by 14 and costs 3d. in London. — J.A.A.

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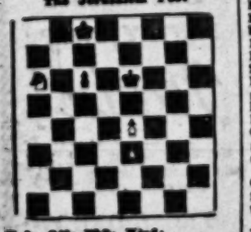
March 13, 1956

Problem No. 959
I. TALMI, Haifa
Specially Composed for The Jerusalem Post



Ke8; Qd5; Rb8; Kb6;
Pa4, a6. (6)
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Pa3, g7. (6)
White mates in two

Problem No. 960
A. CASA, France
3rd Pr. "L'Echiq de Paris," 1954

Kh3; Qb6; Rg5; Bh1; Ktg7;
Pa4, d5, f2, f3, h4. (10)
Kh4; Re1; Kte8; Pa5, d6,
d7, e4, g4, g6. (9)
White mates in three

SOLUTIONS, Problem No. 954 (Bangiah): 1.Rg7 thr. 2.Rg8+; 1.—Kibe6 2.Rf4:e5; 1.—Ktxe6 2. Rf1:g3. Problem No. 955 (Gutchlid): 1. Ke4 Kb6!; 2.Be3 Bxe4; 3.Kd4 Checkm.

BRILLIANCY PRIZE GAME

The following game was awarded 3rd brilliancy prize at the international tournament in Goeteborg:

Game No. 549

White: PILNIK Black: GELLER

1.e4 c5; 2.Kf3 Ktc6; 3.d4 c:d4; 4.K:d4 Kf6; 5.Ktc3 d6; 6.Bc4 e6; 7.Kb3 Bc7; 8.0-0 0-0; 9.Be3 Re8; 10.Bf3 a5; 11.Ktd5 B:d5; 12.e:d5 Ktb8; 13.c4 Ktc6; 14.Bd3 b6; 15.Bc3 Kte5; 16.K1:e5 b:c5; 17.Qe1 Ktd7; 18.Bd1 a4; 19.Bc2 f5; 20.Kd1 g6; 21.Qe2 Bf6; 22.f3 e4; 23.B:f6 Q:f6; 24.f:e4 f4; 25.Rf1 Kte5; 26. Kd1 Qh4; 27.Bd1 Rf7; 28.Qe3 g5; 29.Qe5 Raf8; 30.h3 h5; 31. Bc2 g4; 32.R:f4 R:f4; 33.R:f4 R:f4; 34.e5 Ktf3+; 35.K:f2 Q:h3; 36.g:f4 g3+; 37.K:f3 g2+; 38.Kf2 Qh1. White resigns.

"How to Think Ahead in Chess," by Horowitz and Reinfeld, gives the following position:

White (Horowitz): Kg1; Qg6; Ba1, Rb3; Bc1; Ktd2; Pa2, b2, c3, d4, e3, f4, g5, h2.

Black (Amateur): Kg8; Qc7; Ra8, Rf8; Bb7, Be7, Ktg7; Pa6, b6, c5, d6, e6.

Horowitz played 20.Rh7, and Black resigned on the 28th move. The fact remains, however, that after 20.Rh8+! K:h8; 21.Qh6+ Kg8; 22.e6, mate in two is inevitable, which goes to prove that even the authors of the book can still learn something about thinking ahead in chess.

BETTER (SOMETIMES) WORSE THAN GOOD

The following position was reached in the Barcza-Valtonis game (Stockholm Interzonal, 1952):

White: Ke1; Rg5; Rbe; Kte5; Pa2, b2, c2, f4, h4.

Black: Ke8; Rd8; Be4; Kbd4; Pa7, b7, e6, f5.

With a pawn to the good, White could probably easily win the game, but he hit upon the happy idea of winding up with a nice little combination and played 32.R:g4 f:g4; 33.Kte4+ K:e7; 34.Kt:d6, having regained the lost material, but ..... 34.—g3! soon roused him out of his pleasant dream: The pawn is now unreachable for the W.K. and after 35.R:e6 g2; 36. K:f2+. K:f8; 37.Kt:d4 g1Q; 38. Kd3 Qf3+; 39.Kd3 Q:h4 he had nothing better to do than resign.

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Tiberias	62	10	22	20
Haifa Port	54	13	19	14
Natanya	57	—	20	20
Tel Aviv Kirya	53	10	20	19
Tel Aviv Port	60	13	18	13
Lydda Airport	57	6	19	13
Jerusalem	50	7	13	13
Beersheba	50	—	17	13
Eilat	37	14	34	22

*A) Humidity at 8 p.m. B) Minimum temp. C) Maximum yesterday. D) Maximum temp. expected today.

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THE NEW Homa ice factory and bakery at Kfar Yeroham began operating yesterday to produce 200 blocks of ice and 800 loaves a day. They will serve Dimona, Sde Boker, Nevatim and other neighbouring settlements.

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THE S.S. ISRAEL is due in Haifa this morning with nearly 300 tourists and returning residents.

Church Leader Calls On Warhaftig

Father Pimen Khmelevsky accompanied by Dr. Chaim Vari, Adviser on Religious Affairs, visited Mr. Zerah Warhaftig, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs, this week to pay his respects on the occasion of his appointment as the leader of the Ecclesiastical Mission of the Russian Orthodox Church.

He presented a letter of appointment signed by the Synod of the Moscow Patriarchate. Father Khmelevsky, who has been raised to the rank of Archimandrite, replaces Protohieron Michael Zernov who will shortly return to Moscow.

'PARENTS CLUB' OPENS IN HAIFA

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA, Thursday. — A "Parents Club" for some 70 elderly persons was opened on ground-floor premises in the German Colony this afternoon. The founders, sponsors and donors are the Municipality, Malben, the Joint and the Haifa Rotary Club.

At the club, elderly persons will find companionship, a chance to employ their time usefully under the guidance of an occupational therapist, and to see a film once a week. They can also have lunch and tea on the premises.

Malben reports that negotiations are going on with the Municipalities of Jerusalem, Lydda, Ashkelon and Tel Aviv for setting up similar clubs.

Tourist Rush Gets Under Way

By PAUL KOHN, Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The year's first tourist rush is gaining in momentum, and in the streets here today overseas visitors in rainbow-coloured shirts worn over their trousers and with coats slung over their arms strolled to see the sights, and flashed their cameras at Allenby Road policemen on their white mounts, and at side-curled Yemenites and their families posing on hotel steps.

The planes that have arrived at Lydda Airport during the past few days have been fuller than usual, and most of the larger Tel Aviv and Hersitya hotels are booked to capacity for Passover, despite "very many" cancellations of earlier bookings. The influx is expected to reach its climax on Sunday, with several airlines having advanced their schedules by a day. Only K.L.M., however, will fly an extra "Passover plane" to bring a group of 54 persons from Sweden.

Several hotels and Z.O.A. House are having two *seder* nights, catering for tourists and their friends. Mayor Haim Levanon will greet tourists on the second night at Z.O.A. House. The Government Tourist Corporation here has had more offers from families inviting tourists to the *seder* than visitors who cared to avail themselves of the invitations.

Most tourists are spending their first *seder* with relatives or at hotels, but about 100 will stay at *kibbutzim* for the night. Tel Aviv Chief Rabbi I.Y. Unterman has invited more than 20 visitors to his table, including gentiles.

A tourist picked at random and asked why he came, Mr. Sam Rubin, who is a Johannesburg fight promoter and director of a tire retreading plant, had added Israel to his European tour, and said he had not intended to stay more than a few days because of the "tension" he had read about, but since everything was "perfectly normal," decided to stay over another week, in order to take in the *seder*. This is his first visit here and he was impressed by the shops and cafes, since he had expected a "sort of desert."

Mr. Max Glassman of Liverpool was here last in 1950. He is chairman of the Jewish National Fund in his city, and he and his wife are spending a five-week holiday here. The "Middle East situation" did not deter them because "we have faith that the peace will be kept," Mr. Glassman said. He will spend the *seder* with Mrs. Helga Hacker, a Haifa Reali Secondary School Hebrew teacher.

Booked to Capacity

Hotels reporting the best news were the Dan and Ramat Aviv. Both are booked to capacity with tourists over 90 per cent of the guests. The Herzliya hotels were less sanguine in their reports, with the Tadmor mentioning over 90 per cent cancellations and the hotel only a little over half full. The Sharon is full, but less than half are tourists. Grade two hotels have had varying luck, with the Gat Rimon full, the Savoy 60 per cent full, and others less so.

Egged will transfer clerks to the steering wheel over the holiday period. It will run increased inter-urban bus services on Monday and Tuesday evenings. On the Haifa-Jerusalem route, seats will have to be reserved in advance for these two days. The usual Sunday bus to Eilat will be postponed to Tuesday of next week, and will return on Wednesday.

Lucky Number

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The owner of Mif'al Hapayis ticket No. 053868 will be the richer by IL10,000 as a result of the drawing of the third series of the lottery at the Ohel Shem Hall this afternoon. Half that sum will be pocketed by the person who has ticket No. 053797.

There are two other prizes of IL2,500, four of IL1,000 and six of IL500, as well as a number of smaller sums.

Persons whose ticket numbers end in 0 or 8 will have IL3 refunded to them.

THE 8,000-TON Swedish freighter, Birkland, will undergo repairs in the Haifa floating dock. She was damaged by ice in the North Sea.

Scholar Advances Theory About 'Two Messiahs'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The "strange concept" of two Messiahs as contained in the Dead Sea Scrolls was the subject of the last lecture given at the Fourth National Bible Conference in Jerusalem's Orion Hall last night. Some 40 lecturers spoke at the four-day conference before an estimated total of 2,500 persons. It was announced at last night's closing that next year's sessions will be given over entirely to discussions of the book of Isaiah.

The conference is an annual project sponsored by the Israel Bible Research Society and the Teachers Association.

Dr. David Flusser, speaking on the Dead Sea Scrolls, said that the manuscripts gave more importance to a Messiah who would come from the stock of Aaron — the priestly caste — than to the traditional Messiah who was to be a descendant of David.

Supports Theory

The speaker supported the theory that the Sons of Righteousness (Bnei Tzedek) mentioned in the Scrolls were actually the Sons of Tzadok, a family of priests repudiated by the Hasmoneans and who later joined the sect. It would therefore be reasonable to suppose, the speaker said, that there were persons in the sect aspiring to the High Priesthood. This aspiration led to the conception of the Second Messiah — "the High Priest of the Last Days."

A torrent of questions followed the address yesterday morning of Dr. Israel Eldad (Sheib), who advanced the theory that the Prophet Samuel opposed the establishment of a Kingdom for "personal reasons." He emphasized that the idea of a "national kingdom" was accepted in the Bible.

RATION NEWS

JERUSALEM DISTRICT — Fish fillet: 150 grams on coupon 139, until Sunday, March 25. New ration 150 grams, coupon 141, temporary coupon 26. Price: 580 pruta kilo. Jam: 300 gram, coupon 134, temporary coupon 17, price 475 pruta kilo. Price of 900 gram jar, 440 pruta.

TO SOLDIERS ON LEAVE: Food Controller in Jerusalem District requests soldiers arriving on leav in Jerusalem late on Monday to go to the following butchers:

Salomon Pel, Rehov Ben Hillel; Abba Bersnik, Mahane Yehuda, Benjamin Cohen and Baruch Mishal in Bokharan Market; Meir Altman in Rehov Keren Hakayamet, and Herschkovitz in Mea Shearim Market.

They should go to the following grocers: Frischberg in Rehov Hahavatselet; Herts in Mahane-Yehuda; Bracha Melek in Rehov Geula, Lederberg in Rehov Keren Hakayemet, and Davidovits in Talpiot ma'hare. The shops will remain open on Monday until 4.30 p.m.

Military Court Tries Infiltrator

RAMLE, Thursday. — A member of the *fedayeen*, the Egyptian Army infiltrators unit, was tried in Lydda today by a full military court on charges on firing at security forces, carrying munitions, spying for an enemy power, membership in an armed band and infiltration into Israel. Sentence was postponed *sine die*.

The accused, a Beduin formerly of the Beersheba District, was caught on January 10 carrying a Sten gun, after a fight between the Israel Defence Forces and the *fedayeen* band in which two of its members were killed.

In his testimony, the accused said that he had been forced by Mustafa Hafiz of the Egyptian intelligence unit in Gaza, to cross into Israel with two others and obtain exact information on Israel Army movements. Never having done such work before, he claimed that he agreed through fear of Hafiz. *(Ittim.)*

Tax Error Adjusted

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

The Minister of Labour, Mrs. Golda Myerson, told the Knesset yesterday that among the amendments to the National Insurance Law which she is about to present to the Government is one dealing with payments from employees who work for more than one employer.

Mrs. Myerson was replying to a question by Mr. M. Unna (Hapoel Hamizrahi). Mr. Unna, who referred to a Reader's Letter in *The Jerusalem Post*, pointed out that where a person worked for more than one employer, National Insurance premiums were deducted fror his salaries in each place of employment, even though this went above the IL240 maximum.

The Minister said that under the proposed amendment, premiums collected on wages in excess of IL240 a month would be returned to the employee. However, because of the administrative difficulties, she would not recommend that the change be made retroactive.

AHARON TANACHI DEAD AT 49

We regret to announce the death of Aharon Tanachi in Jerusalem yesterday at the age of 49.

Tanachi, who had been employed by *The Jerusalem Post* for the past 14 years, had a heart attack 11 days ago. He was chairman of the Press Workers Committee and a member of the Jerusalem Labour Council and the National Press Workers Union.

Last respects were paid at the Avihayil hospital by Mr. Aharon Haim Cohen, of the Histadrut, and at the offices of the newspaper by Mr. Eliezer Stern, a fellow press worker. Employees of this paper and of all printing presses in the capital, as well as a host of friends, accompanied the funeral to the Har Menuhot cemetery.

Tanachi was born in Poland and came to this country in 1927. He is survived by a wife and two daughters.

APPRECIATION

Aharon Tanachi was a veteran printer and a leading member of the Histadrut in Jerusalem. For the past 20 years his devotion to his work, his self-effacing modesty, organizing ability and unswerving integrity were an inspiration to his colleagues.

Wounded during the bombing of *The Post* on February 1, 1948, he remained on duty during the difficult days that followed. His behaviour during the most trying days of the siege of the Capital was an inspiring example to his colleagues and friends.

ALEXANDER ZVIELY

MEIR RATZIMOR, 50 DIES IN HAIFA

HAIFA, Thursday. — Workers of the United Port Services today attended the funeral of their comrade, Meir Ratzimor, 50, whose body was recovered from the sea yesterday. He had worked for U.P.S. for seven years.

It is believed that the man committed suicide after the port guard had summoned him for interrogation about a theft of which he was suspected. He reported to the guard's office and waited for the investigator. But after waiting a short while, he left and disappeared.

Defence Fund Extends Campaign

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — The Defence Fund Public Committee decided at its weekly meeting today to put off the closing date of the campaign until the end of April. A report issued by the committee states that the postponement is in reply to requests from the Government and local committees. This is the second time that the closing date has been put off, the committee originally setting itself to collect IL25m. by the end of last year.

After Passover, a second list of "defaulters" will be published, but the persons concerned will first be warned and given the chance to complete their contributions. No details were given of the sum accumulated to date.

PLAY FOR PLANE

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — A fund to purchase an airplane bearing the name "Sons of Light" was initiated at a gala performance of the play of the same name at the Cameri Theatre in Tel Aviv tonight.

The Prime Minister, Mr. David Ben-Gurion, who was the patron of the performance, and Mrs. Ben-Gurion; the Minister of Health, Mr. I. Barzilai; the Chief of Staff Rav Aluf Dayan; the Mayor of Tel Aviv and Mrs. Levanon and the First Secretary of the French Embassy, M. Raymond Vizzanova, as well as many representatives of trade and industry were in the audience. The tickets cost IL150 each.

Rav-Aluf Yigael Yadin, speaking in front of the curtain and surrounded by soldiers representing the different army corps, congratulated Mr. Sa'adia Shoshani, Deputy Mayor and Chairman of the Tel Aviv Defence Fund Committee and Mr. Moshe Shamir, author of the play, on their idea of giving a gala performance whose proceeds would be donated to the Defence Fund.

The cast of the play includes: Yosef Yadin as Alexander Yanai; Hanna Meron as Queen Shlomzion; Zalman Levlush as Yossi Ish Modi'in and Yitzhak Shilo as Shimon Ben-Shatah.

Bakers May Strike Unless Prices Raised

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — All work in bakeries will come to a standstill after Passover unless the Government accedes to the minimum demands of the National Committee of Bakers Organizations. A circular to this effect was sent today by the Committee to the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, describing the "crisis in the industry."

Private bakeries have brought down their demands to meet those of cooperatives for a 22 pruta increase in the price of bread, after prolonged negotiations with the Price Controller.

As an alternative, the bakeries also propose raising the price of round loaves of black and white bread and *hala* by 10 pruta and freeing all other kinds of bread from control. The Price Controller, according to the Committee, has requested the submission of constructive solutions and will not consider increasing the price of bread.

SIX MINE VICTIMS IN HOSPITAL

BEERSHEBA Thursday. — Of the 11 persons wounded yesterday at Kibbutz Gvulot when a tractor hit a mine, six are still in Hadassah Hospital. Three were discharged last night, while two received first aid treatment on the spot.

Att'y-Gen. Asked To Charge Kastner

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A request that the Attorney General's Office take action against Dr. Israel Kastner on a charge of perjury was submitted recently to Mr. Haim Cohen, the Attorney General, by Mr. Shmuel Tamir, for his client, Mr. Malkiel Greenwald.

(Dr. Moshe Peretz, Chief Jerusalem Magistrate, recently ruled after a preliminary investigation that insufficient evidence had been submitted to substantiate a private criminal charge brought by Mr. Greenwald that Dr. Kastner had committed perjury in the State vs. Greenwald libel trial).

In his letter to Mr. Cohen, Mr. Tamir stated that conclusive evidence of the perjury charge could be provided by Mr. Walter Rapp, of the U.S., who served at the Nuremberg trials as head of the Investigation Department of the American Prosecution Office. (During the preliminary investigation Mr. Tamir stated that Mr. Rapp had informed him that he would come to Israel to testify.)

In the light of this, Mr. Tamir asked Mr. Cohen either to file charges against Dr. Kastner, or order the Examining Magistrate to reopen the case.

Overall Authority On Gov't-Owned Land

The establishment of one comprehensive authority to handle all problems involving Government-owned land is the main proposal of the report submitted to the Minister of Finance yesterday by the committee appointed to investigate the State's land economy. The committee was appointed by the Minister a year ago and was made up of Mr. Yosef Weitz, of the Jewish National Fund Board of Directors; Mr. E. Arieli, Deputy Director-General of the Treasury, and Mr. M. Lewin, Acting Director of the Property Department.

The proposed authority would be given independent jurisdiction over the planning and use of all State landed property and supervise the real estate belonging to government companies. All such activities, at present split up between a number of government departments, would be concentrated in the proposed authority.

The committee report also suggests the establishment of a supreme council by the authority which would be made up of representatives of the various ministries and of the Board of Directors of the J.N.F.

The committee's proposal has no relation to Dr. A. Granott's plan for a joint authority with jurisdiction over "national land," the properties of the Jewish National Fund, as well as over State lands, which was studied by the Cabinet more than a year ago.

DAVID KUKU, 17, of Ashkelon *ma'bara*, who is charged with having murdered Ben Ami Malkiman two months ago, was yesterday committed to a mental home by Jerusalem Magistrate Y. Bazak after evidence had been submitted that he was mentally unbalanced and could not stand trial at present.

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U.S. Editors End Lightning Visit with Tour of North

By MOSHE LEVIN

A 400-kilometre, 12-hour swing around northern Israel yesterday brought to an end the lightning visit of 40 American small-town editors and commentators. They leave for Paris this morning in their two chartered planes on the last leg of their month-long North African-Middle Eastern-European tour.

They arrived on Wednesday after spending a week in Arab capitals, where they heard one side of the Israel-Arab conflict. On their arrival a considerable number of the journalists were openly antagonistic to Israel, others suspicious, and some were eager to hear the other side of the story.

On the return trip, one editor said privately that if there was any antagonism in the group it may have been fired by the many distortions of the real picture purposely foisted on them by the leaders with whom they spoke in the Arab capitals.

Following their press conferences with Prime Minister Ben-Gurion and Foreign Minister Sharett, the journalists said they were "bewildered" and "confused", by the conflicting political arguments and contradictory statements made by the leaders on both sides of the armistice lines.

They were convinced that neither side wanted war, and yet it seemed to them that "unless something is done" war was inevitable.

Yesterday, the long trip up the coastal plain, through the verdant Valley of Jezreel, and the refreshing stop at Degania on the shores of Lake Kinneret, gave them time to think things over.

They met one of the founders of Degania, Mr. Yosef Baratz, who gave them the dramatic story of the mother of *kibbutzim* and of its heroic stand against the Syrians in 1948. They saw the rusting Syrian tank that was stopped by a "Molotov cocktail," mute evidence of what awaited the Syrians if another attack were launched.

During the drive around the Lake, interest was aroused in the geographical positions of both Israelis and Syrians, and note was taken of the fishing boats calmly working on the Kinneret.

The group visited Capernaum and Tabgha, sped on to Nazareth and Haifa, and then returned to Tel Aviv.

The group travelled about in limousines and they were accompanied by 10 representatives of the Press Division of the Foreign Ministry and the Government Tourist Corporation.

The journalists agreed unanimously that the arrangements made for them in Israel were perfect. They especially appreciated the gift that each received on arrival — a portfolio which included a pen upon which the recipient's name had been inscribed, stationery, stamps and a map.

MARTY GETS OSCAR AS BEST FILM

HOLLYWOOD, Thursday (Reuter). — The film world paid its warmets tribute to ordinary folk last night when it named "Marty" the best film of 1955.

Burly Ernest Borgnine who co-stars with Betsy Blair in the film, was choked with emotion when he received his prized statuette for the best actor of the year.

The tempestuous Italian star, Anna Magnani, was in Rome when she heard she had been chosen as the year's best actress for her performance in "The Rose Tattoo," screen version of the Tennessee Williams play.

LION CUBS LEAVE FOR CALCUTTA

LYDDA AIRPORT, Thursday. — Two lion cubs, born in the Tel Aviv Zoo, were taken aboard a K.L.M. airliner today on the first leg of their journey to India. They were purchased by a Calcutta merchant.

Pringsheim Arrives For Brief Visit

Professor Klaus Pringsheim, Musical Director of the Musashino Academy of Music in Tokyo, arrived last night for a short visit.

Professor Pringsheim is well known to musical circles in Israel, and has several times conducted the Kol Yisrael Orchestra. In Japan, he was instrumental in promoting cultural cooperation with Israel, mainly in the field of music.

It was on his initiative that several programmes of recorded music were exchanged between Kol Yisrael and the Asahi Broadcasting Company of Tokyo, one of Japan's most important radio stations.

Professor Pringsheim, whose sister was married to the late Thomas Mann, will lecture during his stay in Israel on "Musical Progress in Post-war Japan" at the Milo Club in Tel Aviv tomorrow night and at Beit Hillel in Jerusalem on Sunday night.

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2 WITNESSES TESTIFY AGAINST MRS. YATOM

TEL AVIV, Thursday. — Two prosecution witnesses today gave evidence in the trial of Mrs. Genya Yatom, of Kibbutz Ma'barot, accused of poisoning three persons and attempting to poison a fourth member of the *kibbuz*, before Magistrate B. Giladi today.

Mr. Arye Maimon, a teacher, the man whom Mrs. Yatom allegedly served a poisoned dessert, said that it had tasted bitter, and that he had told other *kibbutz* members at the time.

The settlement's nurse, Yael Dolitzky, testified that a bottle of poison had disappeared from her clinic after Mrs. Yatom had been there.

The trial was adjourned to April 15.

SHEPHERD'S BODY FOUND NEAR ATLIT

ATLIT, Thursday. — The body of Yitzhak Caspi, the shepherd of Nir Etzion, was found this evening near here, police report. No details are yet available as to how he met his death.

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Israel in Asia—I

ASIAN MONROE DOCTRINE

By ITTAMAR BEN-EVI

NATIONALISM seems to be on its way to create a greater measure of unity on the Asian mainland than was ever achieved in the past by the great conquerors who sought to subjugate the continent.

This does not mean that wide differences do not exist between Asian nations. Some of these differences are so deep that they constitute acute conflicts, in spite of the apparent solidarity of the Asian countries. Nevertheless, something has already emerged that can be described as a common outlook and attitude towards the fundamental problems facing the Asian countries, both at home and abroad.

At home, the Asian nationalist's approach to the vast economic and social issues confronting the Asian peoples is essentially socialist. Of course, there is a great difference between Chinese socialism, modelled on the Soviet pattern, and the Pakistani or Thai approach to the welfare of the masses. However, Socialism, insofar as it is not a matter of doctrine but the vaguely defined circumscription of a general desire for a more or less far-reaching Welfare State, is ever-present in the minds of Asian leaders, irrespective of the degree of their commitment to a Socialist programme.

In the field of international relations, the common denominator appears to be a desire to keep Asia out of an East-West conflict regarded by Asians, not without justification, as a dangerous symptom of the ills inherent in the white man's civilization.

Sharp Divergencies

Here again, there are sharp divergencies as to the way leading to the common goal. On the one extreme, there is People's China, overtly identified and allied with the Soviet Bloc, though it remains to be seen how far even Peking would actively support Moscow in case of a nuclear conflagration. On the other hand, there are Asian countries allied to the West, although the motivation for this alliance should not be misunderstood. It is not ideological at all, and that, in fact, is its main weakness. It is based on the political calculation that the alliance, besides carrying with it appreciable material advantages, would place the Asian country in a better position to assert its national aspirations.

By far the most prevalent attitude is neutralism. This is also true of those Asian countries with formal treaty obligations towards the West. While the Government of Thailand, for instance, is definitely pro-American, those of its people who are sophisticated enough to have a political opinion of their own and who are free of a vested interest in the American cornucopia, and consequently so far without a voice in the country's affairs, definitely favour neutralism. A similar situation prevails in Pakistan, Iraq and Jordan. It is quite likely that in China, too, neutralism would carry the day, should the regime allow a free expression of political opinion.

An ill-defined socialism and a more articulate desire to establish something like an Asian Monroe Doctrine are the two outstanding facets of the new phase of Asian nationalism — new in the sense that its impact was not felt until the close of the "liberation" or anti-colonial phase, which culminated in the attainment of political independence and in a somewhat presumptuous desire to assume responsibility for those people that have not yet achieved independence.

Both elements, the craving for social justice and the obsession with the "Asia-for-the-Asians" ideology, have been present in modern Asian nationalism from its inception.

Influenced by Marxism

It is due to the first reason that Asian nationalism has been strongly influenced by Marxism, though the measure of understanding shown for the teaching of Marx and Lenin by Asian intellectuals would stand up neither to the desiderata of Western intellectual standards nor to the rigours of Communist Party liturgy.

And it is for the second reason that Japan, which played a decisive role as a catalytic force energizing and accelerating movements that would have otherwise remained too weak to bring about an actual change in the political situation, is assured of a place of honour in the minds of Asian nationalists, not because of the power it has shown to be in the past, but because of Japan's remarkable ability to adapt Western technology to a very different and uncongenial Asian background.

Against this background we have to examine the position which the Middle East in general, and Israel in particular, occupies on the Asian mainland. The induction of the Arab Middle East into the Asian "Club" of nations is a recent development. In the past there were practically no contacts between the Arab national movement and that of the other peoples of Asia. Although the first impetus to Arab nationalism came from Arab Christians, inspired by European concepts, it was carried forward by Islam. Consequently both of the two main elements that made up the face of Asian nationalism — Socialism and "Asianism" — were conspicuously absent on the Middle Eastern scene, where the drama of the Arab struggle for independence was played against a feudalistic backdrop that was assiduously propped by the British.

While Mohammed was near enough to keep Marx at bay, the success of the Japanese in routing the White Man with his own weapon, first demonstrated in the Russian defeat of 1905, was remote enough to cause no more than a faint ripple, if at all, in the Arab nationalist mind.

The situation may have been different had there been in Asia a religious nationalist movement based on the Moslem masses of Asia. But such a movement did not exist until the late thirties, when the Moslem League, under the leadership of Mohammed Ali Jinnah, became a mass organization, enjoying, to say the least, active British sympathy. By that time the Arab nationalist movement had travelled a long way on its own road, which was unconnected with Asian nationalism.

The connection was, in fact, established only by Egypt's Colonel Abdul Nasser, who embraced neutralism whole-heartedly, in the hope, so far justified, that this would ensure international standing for what in neutralistic cant is called "West Asia", of which Nasser aspires to make Egypt the pivot. It would, therefore, be no exaggeration to state that Asian nationalism entered Arab consciousness in force only after the impressive demonstration of strength staged at the Bandung conference.

As the seeds of the Jewish movement for a national revival on Asian soil sprouted in the ghettoes of Eastern Europe, the movement had no contact with Asian nationalism at all. Nor were there Jewish communities in Asia to carry the idea into the world around them. Curiously enough, when the large community of Bnei Yisrael of Bombay — about 18,000 strong — was asked to participate in the first Zionist Congress, it declined on the ground that man should not meddle in what is God's exclusive domain.

Zionist Efforts

Even when part of the struggle was transferred to Asia with the beginning of the Jewish colonization of Palestine, Zionist political efforts centered around the capitals of Europe and the U.S.A. Naturally, there was always in this country an acute concern for the hinterland of the Jewish National Home, but the urgency of the problem of co-existence with Arab nationalism did not allow us to look beyond the boundaries of the Middle East.

In essence, the situation is the same today: the question of Israel's integration in the Middle East remains of primary importance. However, the emergence of Asia as a factor of growing weight in the counsels of the nations has made us conscious of Asian relations as distinct from Middle Eastern relations. In fact, Israel awoke to the fact sooner than the Arabs.

This is the first of three articles.

THIS WEEK

Foreign Relations Tension mounted rapidly among the Western Powers over the possibility of an outbreak of hostilities between the Arabs and Israel. Prime Minister Ben-Gurion told a group of American newspaper editors that Israel would not break the peace, while Col. Nasser told them earlier that Egypt would go to war if Israel resumed work on the Jordan River development plan. The U.S. called for an immediate meeting of the Security Council to discuss ways and means of preventing war, and President Eisenhower called on both parties to mediate . . . Canada lifted the ban on the sale to Israel of spare parts for Sherman tanks, electronic equipment and a small quantity of 25-pounder shells . . . Israel and Finland signed a trade agreement . . . Israel asked the U.S. Import-Export Bank for a $75m. development loan.

Labour Prime Minister Ben-Gurion called for the political unity of Labour at the opening of the eighth convention of the Histadrut.

Knesset The House passed the first reading of the 1956/57 budget, and the second reading was begun.

Security The building of shelters was begun in Tel Aviv, and a three-man emergency civil defence committee was appointed in the capital.

Development More and richer oil was found at Heletz II than was discovered at the two other wells at Heletz.

VISITORS' GALLERY

Social Welfare Chief

MR. Charles H. Jordan cannot walk very far in Israel without somebody stopping him to shake his hand. Most of these friends made their way to Israel through the concentration camps of Europe, some of them travelling via Shanghai, and many of them originating from the Moslem countries of North Africa. All have one thing in common — they came here with the help of the Joint Distribution Committee of which Jordan is now Acting Director General.

The appointment is a new one but it follows 14 years of work with the J.D.C., during which time Mr. Jordan has visited countries all over the globe. This is his third visit to Israel, and he will spend three weeks here "getting a complete picture of how the organization works." From this country, the social welfare chief will return to his headquarters in Paris, passing through Iran on his way.

When Hitler came to power in 1933, the plight of European Jewry became the first concern of this then 25-year-old U.S.-born social worker who anticipated some of the resentment which would face large-scale immigration into the U.S. He wrote several articles in the Jewish Press, appealing to his co-professionals to make an attempt to understand the frame of mind of the newcomers. Following this, Mr. Jordan was asked to serve on the National Coordinating Committee for Refugees from Central Europe and several years later, just before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbour, he accepted a mission to Cuba on behalf of the J.D.C. and became the organization's Director for the Caribbean Area.

In Havana, Mr. Jordan saw the arrival of the last Jewish refugees to leave Europe and he worked among the newcomers there until he joined the U.S. Navy in 1943. His experience was put to good use by the naval authorities and much of his service was taken up with the care of U.S. Marines who had borne the brunt of Japanese occupation of the South Pacific.

World at Fingertips

"There are less than 600 Jews in Shanghai, and there were 25,000 when I was there only a few years ago," Mr. Jordan, looking no more than 40, said in an interview at the Dan Hotel on Wednesday. "Eleven arrived only the other day in Haifa." He has similar details of the movement of Jews all over the world at his fingertips. After World War II, Mr. Jordan became Far East Director of the J. D. C. and played a leading role in the arrangements made by the 7,000-strong community in Shanghai to receive 18,000 fellow Jews from the Displaced Persons camps, and later their migration to Israel.

His period of duty in the Far East was followed by Mr. Jordan's appointment as head of the J.D.C. Emigration Department in the year that the State of Israel was established. Three years later he was made Assistant Director General.

Most of the emigration work of the J.D.C. is directed to the bringing of Jews from North Africa to Israel, although the J.D.C. supports the United H.I.A.S. Organization, which helps Jews to move to other countries through its family reunion scheme. The educational activities of the J.D.C. are carried out through ORT, more than a third of the ORT budget being covered by the J.D.C., and through the schools of the Alliance Israelite Universelle.

H. H.

YESTERDAY'S PRESS

Talk or Action?

SPECULATING on the Western motives for summoning the Security Council, all papers, with the exception of "Kol Ha'am" (Communist), believe that the outcome of the deliberations will be mere talk and that no efforts will be made to solve the basic problem: redressing the arms balance.

"Lamerhav" (Ahdut Ha'avoda) writes that the members of the Security Council have been engaged in a contest to see who could sling most mud at Israel. Nothing has changed of late to give us a basis for assuming that a different spirit will prevail at its counsels and that it will be guided by considerations of international truth and justice.

It is quite possible, writes "Omer" (Histadrut) that London and Washington have been impressed not by the Arab threats against Israel but by the fear that Israel will go ahead with the Jordan project—not by the MIGs and Stalins and Ilyushins aimed against Israel but by a dozen Israel bulldozers that will engage in development work and declare war on the wilderness.

Silver Visit

"Haboker" (General Zionist) observes that there is still no change in the American administration's attitude towards the Arms for Israel question and that we should not be deluded into over-optimism by hazy pronouncements. On the other hand, anyone following the fluctuations in American (especially non-Jewish) public opinion cannot but receive the clear impression that the U.S.-is-not-doing-well-by-Israel sentiment is gaining ground and it is this sentiment that Israel public relations must cultivate and deepen.

Invited to Act

"Haboker" also welcomes Dr. Abba Hillel Silver who has just come here for a 12-day visit and says that he has come to renew his contacts with the people in whose name he has again been invited to act. It is hoped that the "official circles" will not treat him as though he were a lawyer whose services are required in times of trouble, but as a distinguished son of the people, whose advice and guidance are always welcome. It is the emergency situation that has brought him out of his seclusion and the paper hopes that he will now return to his position of influence as the generally recognized leader he is.

Calling Dr. Silver "the only weapon we can operate without calling for the consent of anyone but ourselves," "Ma'ariv" says that we must make this "sacrifice" (of reconciliation), so Dr. Silver can return to the United States prepared to lead our struggle in that country.

Congress Bureau Hub of Activity

By S.J. KREUTNER

STRANGE things are going on at Jerusalem's San Remo Hotel. Patrons of this normally quiet hotel are rubbing shoulders with people who obviously do not have the time and leisure that they are enjoying.

Visitors come and go with maps and blue-prints; printers' apprentices bring proofs; callers of all kinds make a hurried entry or exit with bulging briefcases, meeting on their way clerks with their hands full of files and despatches etc. From one of the wings comes the ringing of telephones and the clatter of typewriters.

The hub of all this activity is the 24th Zionist Congress Bureau.

Activities at the Bureau are as hectic as can be expected one month before the opening of a Congress that has not yet found a home. Besides making sure that the building is ready and equipped in time, the Bureau must

THE CONGRESS SYMBOL

prepare all the arrangements for the Congress itself, like the taking, copying and distribution of protocols, the provision of simultaneous translations and the employment of qualified assistants for the Congress Presidium, committees and offices. Seats and facilities for representatives of the local and foreign Press are also high on the Bureau's agenda.

Another matter the Bureau is dealing with is the admission of the general public to Congress deliberations. Abroad, entrance tickets to the Congress were sold to the public, the proceeds helping to cover the not inconsiderable expenses of maintaining visitors' galleries, employing ushers, etc., but it is not thought that this procedure will be followed here.

Besides all these arrangements directly connected with the holding of the Congress, the Bureau has to concern itself with the comfort of delegates, booking hotel accommodation and transportation.

All the 11 Zionist Congresses that took place after the First World War issued daily official Congress Journals printed in German, which was the most commonly spoken language in the debates. Hebrew editions made their first appearance in 1935. One of the innovations of the 24th Congress will be an English edition of the Congress Journal, which was put out in Hebrew only in 1950. Thus, English will receive *de jure* status at Zionist Congresses, after having obtained one *de facto* by the shifting of the centre of gravity of the Zionist movements from Europe to the United States of America and other English-speaking countries.

Congress Journal

The Congress Journal features the official announcements of the Presidium and the Bureau; a summary of the minutes of the debate and of the proposals to be submitted to the various committees; and photographs, cartoons and commercial advertisements.

It is the Congress Bureau that publishes and distributes the Journal, which is read by many more than just delegates and guests. Various Zionist newspapers circulate it in the form of a special supplement. The 24th Congress will print 10,000 copies in each language but veterans of the Bureau nostalgically recall that the Journal reached a circulation of 30,000 when it was circulated as a supplement to the renowned Zionist "Selbstwehr" in Czechoslovakia and "Juedische Rundschau" in Germany.

While the Congress Bureau is busy with the technical and administrative aspects of the Congress, there is heavy going for the Organization Department of the World Zionist Organization, in charge of the legal and constitutional aspects of the Congress. By mail and by cable news reaches it daily about the outcome of the Shekel drives, elections arrangements and electoral agreements in practically all parts of the globe.

Uppermost in the minds of many is the question of who is going to be the president of the 24th Zionist Congress.

Variety of Languages

As the Congress differs from other parliamentary bodies in the variety of languages and approaches that mark its proceedings, the task of a Congress President differs from the tasks of a Speaker of an ordinary parliament. Anyone may use translation devices in order to follow the deliberations; the President must detect any sound in the hall and react immediately in order to prevent order from being disturbed. Everyone is fully entitled to stick to his own way; the President has to understand them all. The post of Congress President has always been regarded as one of the highest in the Zionist organizations since Herzl served in this capacity. When Menahem Ussishkin was elected to the post he rejected the "*Shehecheyanu*."

The President is not the only one to play a decisive role at the Congress; the position of Chairman of one of its sessions can likewise be of dominant importance, as the late Dr. L. Motzkin proved Members of the Congress Presidium rotate as chairman of the sessions.

At the Cinema

IT seems that in, producing "A Tale of A Taxi" Geva Films and Mr. Larry Frisch wanted to give the Israel public a film in which it could feel at home. Anything that might smack of propaganda was dismissed, and the accent is on light entertainment. With the pick of Israel's acting talent at their disposal, one might expect that the producers should not have found it hard to realize their aim, especially since the ideas on which each of the playlets rests are sound and clever.

In its attempt to steer clear of anything highbrow, however, the film lapses into mediocrity, and, what is worse at the box-office, dullness. The photography in particular is disappointing: while the Adloyada shots are numerous to the point of tediousness, the camera seems to do its best to avoid the magnificent scenes of Safad and Haifa which would be the natural setting for the episodes that have been shot in these two towns. Comical effects are sometimes overdone, and the Hebrew script needlessly slips into near-vulgarity.

The direction is disjointed and choppy, recalling a documentary rather than a feature film. The development of the episodes is all of one pattern: introduction, a couple of "location" shots, story.

The relieving feature is the high standard of the cast. The large number of our best-known stage personalities to whom acting before the cameras seems to come as second nature augurs well for the future of the Israel screen.

Y.O.

Readers' Letters

ROAD AND RAIL

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — To return to the exchange of correspondence published in your issue of March 2, concerning the statement of the Minister of Transport that rail freight is 30 per cent cheaper than road haulage, Mr. Aharonowitz of Israel Railways maintains that while road haulage is free from the cost of maintaining roads, the railway spends 15 per cent of its budget on maintenance of the rails.

However, Mr. Aharonowitz ignores road taxation. In Britain, for example, in 1954, the motoring industry paid about £400m. in taxation out of which less than 10 per cent was spent on roads.

The most illuminating point, however, is Mr. Aharonowitz's frank admission that our railways are not intended to show a profit. Their low rates, and consequently their large deficit, he says, are designed to reduce the Cost-of-Living Index and thus act as a subsidy to the nation's economy.

Surely this is a most dangerous distortion of sound economic principles. Why not reduce road taxation to the extent of the probable railway deficit and thereby lower the rates of road transport and, at the same time, save ourselves the present and future expenditure on railways?

Yours, etc.
J. VARDY

Jerusalem, March 6.

MUSIC REVIEW

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—It seems to me that your music critic has been incredibly unfair in his attack on both Mr. Freudenthal and the Kol Yisrael Orchestra, in your issue of March 4. Surely one can write a comprehensive review of a concert without engaging in what seems to be personal vindictiveness.

Yours, etc.
MRS. GILDA MARGOLIN

Jerusalem, March 5.

Your music critic's *faux pas* is all the more regrettable if one recalls conductor Heinz Freudenthal's devoted services to the Kol Yisrael Orchestra here and abroad, and of the high principles which bring him to Israel every year.

E. A. ISKIN

Jerusalem, March 6.

Mr. Zarai Replies

In the review in question, as in my other reviews, I have written nothing more than a purely professional judgment criticising Mr. Freudenthal, I wrote nothing concerning the quality of the playing of the Orchestra on that occasion.

In a talk I had personally with Mr. Adler, a few days after the concert, he loyally defended Mr. Freudenthal, saying the time given for rehearsals was much too short to allow a perfect job. Much as I respect Mr. Adler's personal viewpoint, I still think that the conductor should not have presented a programme that was not sufficiently rehearsed. Since he undertook the task, I did my duty and described what I had heard without any thought of "personal vindictiveness."

ARMY DRIVERS

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Your issue of March 5 carried the item that eight soldiers had been hurt when a truck overturned near Safad. Your issue of March 7 carried the item that seven soldiers had died when an army vehicle overturned near Beersheba.

We cannot pass lightly over such accidents as the two listed above, and news of other accidents in which army vehicles are concerned, which appear in our press almost daily. True, it doesn't always happen that death reaps so rich a harvest as that reported in today's press, but it seems that neither the authorities nor the public at large deem even so big a loss worthy of their attention.

Hundreds of letters similar to mine should have poured into the offices of our newspapers; questions should have been asked in the Knesset about this alarming state of affairs! Perhaps, here, too, as was the case in the railway-truck collision, the matter would then be taken up by the competent authorities.

Who are the culprits who are responsible for this tragic and unnecessary loss of life? What should be done to curb these fatalities is obvious. It is the duty of the Army to educate its soldiers and select its drivers with care.

Yours, etc.
"ALARMED"
(Name and Address Supplied)

Kfar Malal, March 7.

SHURAT HAMITNADVIM

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — In your recent articles on Shurat Hamitnadvim you accuse that organization of "doing their best to undermine public confidence and the authority of the government and police."

This is surely putting the boot on the wrong foot with a vengeance. What undermines the confidence of the public in its instruments of government is corruption itself, not the attempt to uncover the sources of that corruption.

While strongly objecting to the Shura's methods of combating the corruption that undeniably exists, you do not appear to have any alternative to offer. Perhaps your correspondents, who have devoted their energies to arousing public opinion against the Shura, would set a good example by themselves investigating the evils which are perhaps inevitable in a new state, and thus help to create that healthy and effective public criticism which will render such an organization as the Shura unnecessary.

For the present, you can hardly be said to encourage criticism by directing your attacks not at the evils that exist, but at their critics.

Yours, etc.
M. B. DAGUT

Haifa, March 7.

HELETZ III

Editor, The Jerusalem Post

Sir,—Your report on Heletz III in your issue of March 15 stated that a replacement from the U.S. was being installed following the breakage of a part of the drilling apparatus.

While a part has indeed been ordered from the U.S., we should like to point out that the broken part has been repaired and the rig is now operating. The repairs were effected in a Tel Aviv workshop in accordance with our specifications and under our supervision.

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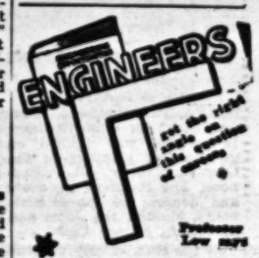
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